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# MR A.V. ALEXANDER ON COLONY'S DEFENCES

## Garrison Strength Not Full Extent Of Resources

### PRESS CONFERENCE

**Mr A. V. Alexander, Britain's Defence Minister, told a press conference conducted in the Secretariat Council Chamber this morning that the 12,000 troops which are shortly to garrison Hongkong are "not the extent of our resources." When asked to elaborate, Mr Alexander replied, "I have said what I have said."**

The Defence Minister, who is here to make an on-the-spot investigation of the defence situation in the Colony, was the target for a barrage of questions from more than 30 pressmen. He also faced a battery of flash-light cameras.

**Mr Alexander was accompanied by Air Marshal Sir William Elliot (Chief of Staff, RAF) and Mr Wood, Private Secretary.**

**Before the press conference, which started at 10.40, the Defence Minister was in conference with the Hongkong Defence Committee. This meeting was also attended by Service commanders and high ranking police officials.**

At the outset of the Press conference, Mr Alexander said that it was not usual for a Defence Minister to answer a lot of questions straight off the fence, but he would endeavour to answer such questions, with the proper attitude of a Defence Minister with reference to matters of security.

Mr Alexander was asked if he thought the defence of Hongkong was primarily military or political and he answered that defence questions in the modern age were overall.

A Chinese correspondent: Is there any necessity for concluding a Pacific Pact?

Mr Alexander: I am not here for discussions on a Pacific Pact. It is a question for the Foreign Ministers of the States involved. It may affect the defence of a country.

Question: What prompted your visit here?

Mr Alexander: Naturally the position in this part of the world is one of flux and difficulty, and naturally as Defence Minister I want to study the position for myself on the spot.

Asked if he could give any intimation as to the conclusions he had reached, the Defence Minister replied that he thought it would be his duty to report to his Government.

When asked if he felt that there been over-reference to the military defence of Hongkong, Mr Alexander replied that he had no doubt that the pressmen had studied very carefully the statement he had made in the House of Commons on May 5, and he referred to one or two of the principal sections of that statement with regard to the relations between the British Government and the Government of China.

#### BRITAIN'S POLICY

"Our policy," he added, "is to maintain the friendliest possible relationship with whatever may be at the given moment the Government of China."

Questioned about his trip round the New Territories, Mr Alexander replied that he was very satisfied with a very detailed inspection which he made, and was impressed by the keenness and efficiency with all of those with whom he came in contact.

A correspondent: Would you expect a threat to Hongkong from the Communists or the Nationalists?

Mr Alexander: You would not expect me to make a statement on such a question as that.

He added that he did not see who would drive a wedge between us and anybody but he certainly would not be the instrument for it.

Asked: If the reinforcements sent here were for a military or a psychologically political purpose, he replied that both were of direct national importance.

A correspondent: Are the present allocations of reinforcements sufficient?

#### WILL MAKE REPORT

Mr Alexander: I shall make my report to the Home Government and they will make the decision.

When asked if he thought internal security measures in the Colony were sufficient, Mr Alexander replied by saying that no Defence Minister was ever satisfied with anything that was done on any subject in the political sphere. They always took steps to improve wherever it was possible.

To the question as to whether there would be possible restriction on people entering Hongkong in the event of there being more people here than the place could hold, Mr Alexander replied that that question would be dealt with primarily by the Government of Hongkong, but the attitude of HM Government

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Mr A. V. Alexander snapped at this morning's press conference. On his right is Air Marshal Sir William Elliot, Chief of Staff.—Picture by staff photographer.

## HUSSARS ON WAY HERE

Singapore, June 8.—A British Army spokesman for the Malaya district headquarters announced on Tuesday that a detachment from the 4th Queen's Own Hussars Regiment is leaving Kuala Lumpur by special train for Singapore.

The troops will embark here for Hongkong to reinforce the defences of that colony, the informant said.

The Hussars arrived in Malaya last September and went into action against Communist insurgents after a short period of training.—Associated Press.

## U.S.-Hongkong Telephone Service

New York, June 7.—The American Telephone and Telegraph Company opened telephone service to Hongkong today at a charge of £3 for three minutes from everywhere in the United States.—Associated Press.

## Chinese Reds Start A Treasure Hunt

San Francisco, June 7.—The Chinese Communist rulers of Shanghai on Tuesday offered rewards for information on hidden investments and property of China's "Big Four families."

It ordered the business partners of the four families to register, along with the Nationalist Secret Service organisations and "war criminals".

The four families are those of Chiang Kai-shek, two of his brothers-in-law, Mr T. V. Soong and Mr H. H. Kung, and that of his close political associates the brothers Chen Li-fu and Chen Kuo-fu.

The broadcast from China, heard by the Associated Press at San Francisco, said the steps were taken by Shanghai's Military Control Committee.

"The proclamation of the Committee said that those who report the hidden investments and property of these persons and secret service organisations would be rewarded accordingly," the broadcast stated.

#### IMMUNITY PROMISED

"Action would not be taken against those who conceal property for them (the four families) if the concealed property was handed over to the Committee".

The Soongs and Kungs are among the richest families in the world.

The Chiangs and Chens also are wealthy.

Holdings of the Soongs and Kungs scattered all over China. Their financial ramifications are so involved that it is difficult to establish what properties they own in Shanghai.

Another broadcast said 10,000 Nationalist officers and men who were captured on the Hangchow front, South of Shanghai, had been given traveling expenses to return to their homes.

The Communists also reported that river steamer service had been reopened all the way from Shanghai to Hangkow, more than 500 miles up the Yangtse.—Associated Press.

## Shengking Passengers' Prospects Brighter

### MAY BE ALLOWED TO LAND IN S'HAI

Shanghai, June 8.—Although compelled to spend the night aboard the ship, the 20 foreign passengers who arrived yesterday in the Butterfield & Swire steamer, Shengking had a good chance of being permitted to disembark today, it was learned.

According to a Butterfield & Swire official, the authorities adopted a most understanding attitude during day-long negotiations yesterday and the Company had high hopes that the foreign group would be allowed to land today.

He revealed that negotiations lasted until late yesterday evening when they were suspended and not broken off.

He declared that officials of the Foreign Affairs Bureau of the Shanghai Military Commission with whom the negotiations had carried on had been most understanding and courteous and disclosed that although they would not grant permission for landing they never once suggested that the ship take the foreigners back to Hongkong.

He added, "We understand that the authorities are not unwilling to admit foreigners but are not ready to admit them in the absence of new foreign travel regulations."

#### NEW REGULATIONS SOON

Asked whether Chinese officials had indicated when these regulations would be announced he said, "We understand that it will be very soon."

He said that the Company's Hongkong Office had accepted bookings from foreign passengers because the local office had been given to understand that foreign residents would be permitted to return. He disclosed that the Shengking would leave for Hongkong tomorrow morning and not this morning as originally announced. He attributed the delay to the pressure of cargo unloading work.

The foreign passengers consist of 16 Britons, three Americans and a Frenchman.

According to Chinese press reports a ship-load of oil is on its way here from Hongkong to boost the oil supply of the Shanghai Power Company. The oil, which amounts to 15,000 tons, will be sufficient to last for three weeks.

This oil purchase has been made possible with a loan to the Shanghai Power Company by the People's Bank which has completed remittance procedure, the reports added.—Reuter.

## Mounted Police Charge Demonstrators

New York, June 7.—Twenty-two mounted policemen today charged on their horses into 3,000 longshoremen to break up a threatened riot.

Dock workers walked off their jobs to rout what they called Communist-inspired pickets from their national headquarters. Mounted police, reinforced with flying wedges of foot patrolmen, sent members of both factions sprawling in the street.

Several policemen were hit by flying missiles and some passersby knocked down. When it all ended, Joseph Ryan, International Longshoremen Association president, led an impromptu victory parade.

The incident grew out of charges by negro members of the Longshoremen's union that Ryan discriminated against them.—United Press.

## Aneurin Bevan As Next Colonial Secretary?

### BIG CABINET CHANGES FORECAST

(By Our London Correspondent)

ANEURIN BEVAN

London, June 7.—Big British Cabinet changes are planned according to information received by the London Evening Standard's special correspondent attending the Labour Party conference at Blackpool.

He writes: "Despite an official denial of 'drastic Cabinet reconstructions' nearly three weeks ago it has become known among informed Socialist personalities attending the Party conference that Mr Attlee has definitely decided on important changes in his Cabinet.

"The appointments, it is understood, will be announced early in the autumn. Because some of the senior members of the Cabinet are involved, it is possible publication of the news will be followed by a denial. Little reliance should be placed on this; it is known the changes are fixed and will be announced officially in due course.

#### BIGGEST CHANGE

"The biggest change involves the Minister of Health, 52-year-old Mr Aneurin Bevan. He will be succeeded by Lord Inman, the £5,000 a year boss of the Hotels Executive under the nationalised railways.

"By the appointment of a peer to such an important ministry Mr Attlee will be creating a sensational precedent. The reason for the change is that Mr Bevan, believing his National Health scheme is now fully launched, has asked to be relieved of a post that, in his view required now not a politician, but a skilled administrator. Lord Inman is one of the best administrators in the Socialists' ranks.

"Mr Bevan will be promoted. The job in view for him is Secretary of State for the Colonies, a post now held by Mr Creech Jones.

"Another post involved in the changes is that of Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations. This post is now held by Mr Philip Noel Baker.

"Both Mr Creech Jones and Mr Noel Baker are likely to be dropped from the Government. The name of M. Hector McNeil, 39-year-old Minister of State is mentioned in the changes now planned. He will probably be promoted from Cabinet rank to a seat in the Cabinet.

HECTOR McNEIL

"In making these and other changes the Prime Minister will be clearing the decks for the general election.

"There is no likelihood whatever of an election in the autumn unless economic conditions in this country become really acute. All plans by Government are for an election next summer.

"Then the Premier intends to present the country with a new Cabinet."

## Appalling Plane Disasters

### 71 LIVES LOST

San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 7.—About 45 Puerto Ricans were believed to have been killed today when a twin-engined transport plane crashed into the shark-infested Carribean sea shortly after taking off from San Juan for New York.

Six hours after the crash coastguards said that 28 of the 73 passengers aboard had been rescued including all five members of the crew. The plane—an N-46 army surplus troop carrier operated by Strato Freight—had a number of children, including two babies and 10 aged between two and 11, among its passengers.

The plane crashed about 150 metres off Point Salinas, just west of San Juan.

Survivors said that before the crash one engine spluttered and died and the captain asked permission to return to the airport.

#### SINKS QUICKLY

After the crash the plane sank quickly, according to survivors. Coastguard cutters and planes from Miami, Florida, rescued the survivors and brought ashore several bodies found floating in the water.

They continued the search tonight for possible survivors who might still be clinging to small rocky islands in the area.

The aircraft's captain and the stewardess were rescued. They were seriously injured.

Small boats, braving treacherous seas to join in the rescue work, picked up two women who had been clinging to a rock for five hours.

The plane, designed to carry about 40 troops and crew, was of the type known during the war as the Curtiss Commando.—Reuter.

#### SECOND CRASH

Rio de Janeiro, June 7.—A plane of the Brazilian Air Force crashed against a mountain today after leaving Florianopolis with 26 persons aboard.

First word from the Minister of Aeronautics said all aboard were dead.

The Air Force plane left Rio yesterday at seven a.m. and crashed just before reaching Florianopolis, which is a region habitually subjected to torrential storms.

Aboard the plane were six crew members and 200 passengers, the majority of whom were Air Force officers and their families en route to Porto Alegre.

A rescue plane which flew over the site of the crash radioed the Ministry of Aeronautics that no sign of life could be seen.—United Press.

Frankfurt, June 7.—A German artificial limb firm has invented an electrically-operated hand which automatically brings into use three or five fingers according to whether the object to be lifted is heavy or light.—Reuter.

## Soviet Plan Rejected

Paris, June 7.—Russia today offered a revised 12-point plan for the unification of Berlin but the Western Powers quickly rejected the proposal and asked Russia to accept their own plan for a single city government.

The new Soviet proposal, an elaboration of the earlier plan submitted by the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Vyshinsky, would make all decisions of the Berlin city government subject to the veto.

The U.S. Secretary of State Mr Dean Acheson told Mr Vyshinsky at today's meeting, "The vital error of the Soviet proposal is that it brings within the veto powers of one commander any acts the city authorities may take."—United Press.

## EDITORIAL

### Constitutional Reform

IT is regrettable that the Chinese Reform Club should see fit to regard any opinion other than that advanced by its members as being in diametrical opposition, more especially as the issue in point—constitutional reform for Hongkong—is a subject that still calls for exploration and not dogmatic and uncompromising declarations. Speeches delivered at a reception held on Monday by the CRC tended to follow the lines that anybody not in agreement with the proposed municipal council scheme, is automatically against it, and committed to another idea which must, in itself, be a complete negative of the municipal council proposition. Such a frame of mind is deprecated. There is no popular opinon for the complete abandonment of the idea of a municipal council. It is true that the notice of motion given to the Legislative Council nearly six weeks ago by Mr Landale contemplated scrapping of the original Mark Young plan, and substituting for it a new type of Legislative Council. But that notice of motion was wholly tentative in design, and when put forward, it was made clear that it was intended to obtain, if possible, public opinion on the proposition. Despite the original phrasing of the notice of motion, it can be categorically claimed that constitutional reform of the Legislative Council does not depend upon elimination of a municipal council. Constitutional reform can, and should, include both objects. The municipal council, as envisaged in the Ordinance made public during the weekend, offers but the most limited form of local administration by popular mandate, and cannot measure up in importance to the proposition of having elected members to the Legislative Council, with an unofficial majority. But the two projects combined, would mark a tremendous step forward in local administration. There is nothing incompatitable about the simultaneous creation of a municipal council and reconstitution of the existing Legislature, and that is why we have given, at least qualified, approval to both ideas. We believe it is an entirely erroneous interpretation on the part of the Chinese Reform Club to suggest that introduction of the Municipal Council Ordinance indicates Government is well disposed only toward such a local authority, and that it opposes any reform of the Legislature. The Mark Young plan, which had already received the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, could not be scrapped incontinently simply because a notice of motion, at a much later date, had been introduced into Legislative Council. The machinery for translating the Young Plan into Ordinance form had previously been put in motion and publication of the Ordinance was inevitable. This does not mean either that the Bill is going to be foisted on the public against its majority wishes, any more than it means that Mr Landale's notice of motion has died stillborn. The two projects can be realised without one jeopardising the other, and this should now be the ultimate aim of all those who sincerely desire constitutional reform in Hongkong. While there are important degrees of difference between the two objectives, it requires but a modicum of willing compromise to achieve them both. The points of view about creating a municipal council and of reconstituting the Legislative Council need not—in fact, should not—be divergent. They share the important common aim of seeking greater participation in administrative affairs through elected representatives of the community, and it is on this foundation that the Chinese Reform Club, Hongkong Reform Club and other articulate bodies who represent public opinion should eschew restricted conceptions of constitutional reform and seek to win approval for a comprehensive scheme that embodies a municipal council and a new legislature.

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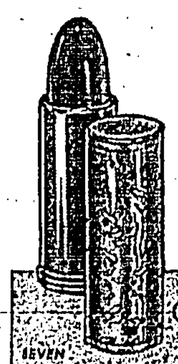

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## Geared For Summer Coolness

THE WELL-MANNERED sun dress of fine cotton, teamed up with a matching jacket, fully lined and well tailored, adds up to a versatile costume. It is a splendid choice for the week-ender or for a more extended travel itinerary. This one is of navy and white checked cotton with a jacket of navy linen lined, collared and cuffed in the cotton check. The dress has shoulder straps above a camisole type bodice accented below the bust with a band of the fabric, using the check diagonally, as with the shoulder straps and belt.

AFTER A RUN OF dark background prints, so nice for early spring wear, the beautiful light prints are making a welcome appearance for summer. For a nice compromise between the very dark and very light background print, we commend this colour theme to you. It is of pure silk in powder blue printed delicately in dark green. Nicely detailed to go anywhere during the day, the dress has a demure little collar above the pleated yoke front. The skirt is gathered in front and gored in the back.

BRILLIANT TURQUOISE and green is the colour scheme of this pretty little silk frock that shows a strong Chinese influence in the simple neckband collar and natural shoulder line. But very new and occidental is the curved and draped hip line. The silhouette is achieved through diagonal tucks from the waist which form the hip pockets. The skirt is otherwise quite straight.

## Pictures Can Make The Room

By ELEANOR ROSS

NOT only are good pictures becoming an important part of countless homes, but indeed, more and more do we come upon whole rooms built around a picture. This is a plan very popular with professional decorators and often encountered in model display rooms, and when well handled, it is very beautiful.

In many instances, the main picture in the room will dictate the colour scheme. Perhaps the draperies will match the leaves of a beautiful floral composition. Another colour in the painting may be used for the rug colour and upholstery will be gracefully but unobtrusively blended with the whole.

The picture will be one of the main sources of attraction in the room, and of course it will have been placed with every consideration for its importance. But the picture does not have to be an original painting. Good pictures should be part of every home, and a great deal of thought should go into their selection. Pictures are, or should be, a matter of personal taste, and no art critic or decorator can make up your mind for you as to what you like or where it should be placed.

### Good Reproductions

We know some homemakers who look down on reproductions of the classics, something we can't understand. If the original is worth coming from far to see in a museum, why should not a really fine reproduction give just as much joy in the home? Tastefully framed and advantageously hung, a fine reproduction of a loved masterpiece is a perpetual source of pleasure and inspiration in the home.

Framing and placing pictures properly takes a bit of pondering. A great deal of consideration should go into the frame you select for the pictures in your home. You will want the frame to be in keeping with the furniture, the architecture, the picture itself, its colouring and size.

### Oil Paintings

Whether the frame be light or heavy, whether the mat be narrow or wide, depends to a great extent on the type of picture to be hung, where it is to be hung, whether it is to be hung singly or in groups, and, of course, one's personal taste. A group of small pictures, for example, might be delicately framed, and hung together as a group. Or a small picture may be placed on an extremely large mat and then framed. It will be important looking when hung above the mantelpiece or on a wall that would otherwise be bare.

Heavy oil paintings generally have heavy frames, but light oriental prints, even though they may be quite large, in size and scale, may sometimes have very narrow, but yet extremely effective frames. It is all a matter of good taste and the appropriate thing.

Use care and judgment, too in hanging pictures. All too often pictures and mirrors, too, are hung much too high. The best rule is that they should always be what the painters call "on the line." This means that they should be at comfortable eye level for a person of average height. Pictures in the nursery and in a children's room should be hung low enough that the youngsters can enjoy them and so make them part of their cultural education.

## Strapless Elastic Swimsuits

Atlanta.—Strapless one-piece elastic swimsuits, cuffed boy shorts in twills, and plunging-neck T-shirts are shaping up as summer fashion favourites in Atlanta sportswear departments.

Early sales have been too scattered to indicate many definite trends.

Sun-back dresses, particularly with matching cover-up, have accounted for a large percentage of sales in all sportswear departments at this time.

Iridescent denims in sun-back and strapless dresses with cover-up stoles and capes have been moving steadily as garden togs at one leading store. The short-sleeved T-shirt with rolled collar and plunging neckline has been popular also.

Strapless swim suits in elastic satin, nylon, and sharkskin have been active in another large sportswear department. Shorts in the brief boy styles with cuffs and slide-fastener back in twills are also moving well.

## Household Hints

Scratches on furniture can be easily removed by rubbing with a cut nutmeat. Use a black walnut, preferably, or an English walnut. Rub well into the scratch and let dry thoroughly. Rub again and again to fill up the scratch, letting the spot dry between applications. When built up, polish.

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All water has some sediment in it. To keep an automatic gas water heater free of this sediment, draw off a quart or two of water once a month until it flows clear.

## COLIC IN BABIES

By H. N. Bundesen, M. D.

MOTHERS have found out that perhaps the most common disorder from which infants suffer is colic. In some cases the colic may be due to a narrowing of the passageway through the bowel. It may come from improper feeding or from allergy or oversensitivity.

When symptoms of colic develop late in the afternoon, it will be found, in many instances, that there is some narrowing of the valve between the last part of the small intestine and the first part of the large intestine. This is known as the ileocecal valve. As time passes, this opening gradually increases in size and the symptoms of colic gradually disappear.

### First Feeding

In many cases, the colic begins after the first feeding in the morning and gradually becomes worse. The baby's sleep is disturbed, and the abdomen feels hard and swollen. In less severe cases, the child may be restless and fretful. Vomiting may sometimes be present.

It is suggested that the child with very severe colic be put in the hospital for a week so that the diet may be carefully regulated and the symptoms relieved. In each case, the exact type of feeding must be determined by the physician.

Sometimes colic is due to the giving of too much food or too bulky feedings. By reducing the number and quantity of feedings, improvement usually results.

## Make Your Home A 'Safe Place'

By CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

IT looks as if the most dangerous place to be is at home. When we read reports on traffic accidents we are appalled; yet we don't realise that even more persons lose their lives from accidents right at home.

Automobile accidents are usually more spectacular than home accidents and are more often given space in print and pictures. It's easier for a reporter to get a photograph of one or two shattered cars and a lamppost than of a home scene of accidental death from slipping in a bathtub, slipping on the porch steps, or falling down the cellar stairs; or of the child meeting death while running with a clothespin in his mouth, playing in the fire or sampling poisonous medicines.

### Shares Consequences

Whether a parent, grandparent or child is injured or killed from accidents in the home, the child usually shares some of the consequences. Consider all the physical and emotional hardships that may befall a child when he is unintentionally responsible for an accident to another member of the family.

### Proper Guidance

The much younger child might also learn with proper guidance to keep his toys and other things in their places when not using them, for the safety of older persons.

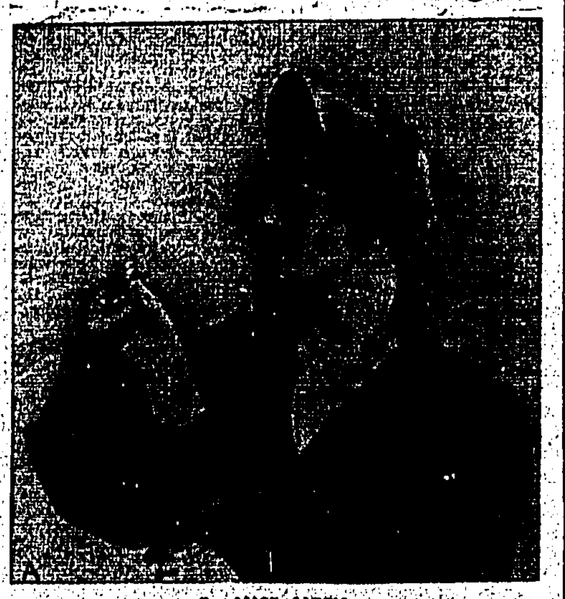
Many older persons are killed or seriously injured in the bathtub. Be sure you have a rubber mat in the bottom of your tub. Don't have a chain with which to pull on or off the light in the bathroom (or basement by the washer). Many a person has been electrocuted by such means. At any sacrifice be sure there is, instead, a safe "button" on the side of the wall. Tots not well trained may climb to the medicine cabinet with fatal results. When the tot begins to creep or walk, exposed electric plugs near the floor and wires with wornout insulation leading to floor lamps can be very dangerous. Such should be out of reach or be be trained to avoid them. There's the gas jet or open fire. Essential to safety in the young child is his learning the meaning of NO.

There's that frequent cripler and killer, the small rug on a smooth floor, especially at the foot of the stairway. It's easy to secure materials to be pasted on the underside of it to make it safe.

Then cluttered basement steps cost a good many lives.

Eternal vigilance by parents about the home and their proper training of the baby and young child could prevent most of the accidents there and make it the safest instead of about the most dangerous place to be.

## Accessories in Shantung



By ALICE ALDEN

NOT CONTENT with rolling up an enviable record as a dress fabric, silk shantung has moved into the accessory field with excellent results. Here is a delightful bag, an ideal choice for Summer, in town or country. It is fashioned in dark and high colours, and takes on half-moon lines, topped by a wide, deep cuff and a broad, soft handle to fit comfortably over the arm.

## Shop Wisely for Make-Up

Courtesy Columbia Pictures

**Choose your lipstick with care, says Movie Star Nina Foch, and have different shades to wear with different costumes. Take time to apply it right.**

By HELEN FOLLETT

WHEN a woman goes shopping for beauty aids she should remember that what she wears on her face is as important as the dry goods she carries on her back—maybe more so. Unless her powder shade is flattering she might as well dispose of it altogether, let her nose shine.

It often happens that a facial treatment at a first class beauty shop is worth even more than the price because a conscientious operator will lay on the make-up with experienced fingers and the cash customer will garner some excellent suggestions. Creating the commercial blush, tinting the lips, putting on the dull finish with the powder pad must be done with skill and restraint if results are to be gratifying.

When applying powder, don't rub it in with the lamb's wool pad; fluff it on lightly; you will avoid the calcimined look that one sees all too often. Remove the surplus with a powder brush which is a useful make-up item. You will have a clear, smooth, even covering to your complexion that should remain in perfect condition all the day long.

If you are given to using rouge, endeavour to find a light, delicate tint and blend it well with the powder, so the border lines of the application will not be in evidence.

Use a lipstick with regard for your general colouring when tinting the lips, do all you can to encourage graceful lines. If the lower lip is too full, give it a fainter application than you have on the upper one. Carry the pigment out to the corners. Those girls who make themselves new faces in a hurry often neglect to cover the entire areas, with the result that they have untidy faces. The idea is to give the face youthful freshness. To attain that happy state of affairs one should use a strong mirror, placed in a strong light.

## Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

## How to Season With Herbs

"THERE are two mistakes often made when commencing to cook with herbs—one is using too little, the other too much," I remarked. "The best rule is to go easy at first. For a dish for four I'd advise starting with a scant half teaspoonful if the herb is powdered. But if it's dried, and not so compact, 1 teaspoonful will be needed. And if the herb is fresh and minced fine, a half tablespoonful is the right amount."

### Use Discretion

"Of course the quantity can be increased if desired when the dish is made next time. But discretion must be used," observed the Chef. "The herbs should never disguise the natural flavour of the food itself."

"Of course to insure full rich flavour, the aromatic oils of the herbs must be released. So if a dried herb is not cooked in the food (as in making a soup), it should first be steeped 5 minutes in a very little hot liquid to cover, then added, liquid and all. Milk is the best steeping liquid for a hot cream type sauce; vinegar or lemon juice when herbs are used in salad making; bouillon or water for herbs to season soups or gravies. Or the herb can be lightly sauteed in fat, if fat is called for in the recipe."

"A good way to start would be with what we call 'fines herbes,' suggested the Chef. "Chervil, parsley, savoury and burnet. These are delicate in flavour, and are added almost at the end of cooking; or if raw I add when the dish is finished. The herbs of stronger flavour should be cooked for a longer time. For example, the sage, thyme, basil, dill and mint."

"And homemakers should remember that herbs lose flavour in a few months. So they should be kept closely covered—and kept accessible so they can be easily reached—never in some remote place such as the top cupboard shelf."

"I hope our readers are following my suggestions for the use of herbs and spices which are given in this column, and which you call 'ze trick of ze Chef.' They are not really tricks, they are the result of experience combined with a little imagination."

**Dinner**

Raw and Cooked Vegetable Salad
Chicken Fricassee over Fried Cornmeal Mush
Spinach with Soured Cream
Strawberry Mallow Pie
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)

*All Measurements are Level*
*Recipes Serve Four*

### Spinach with Soured Cream

Remove any wilted or yellow leaves from 2 lb. spinach and cut off the root ends. Wash three times in tepid water, to dissolve dirt and sand more quickly. A spray helps. Cut the leaves and stems across in 1" widths. Place in a heavy sauce pan with ¼ tsp. sugar and ½ tsp. salt. Cook 3 min. stirring constantly. Then add a few grains powdered dill, ½ tbsp. butter, and 2 tbsp. sweet or soured cream, mixed with 1 tsp. flour. Stir with a fork until well mixed and boiling. The spinach will be crisp-tender when done.

Tinned Spinach: — Tinned spinach may be used in a similar way. In this case drain off all the juice and save it toward cream of spinach soup. Finish as directed.

### Strawberry Mallow Pie

An electric mixer is needed to make the filling for this brand new pie. If you do not have one, make a strawberry gelatin sponge pie instead.

Bake a piecrust shell from home-made pie pastry or a mix. Soften 1 envelope unflavoured gelatin in 1/3 c. water. Place in a sauce pan, add ½ c. sugar, stir until dissolved, then remove from the heat. Place 2/3 c. light corn syrup and 1 tsp. vanilla in the bowl of an electric mixer. Add the gelatin and sugar mixture. Beat at highest speed about 15 min., until very thick and of marshmallow consistency. Measure out 2 c. of the mixture. Fold in 1 c. whipped heavy cream or whipped undiluted evaporated milk. Add ¾ c. well-drained sliced fresh strawberries and 1 tsp. lemon juice. Fill the baked pastry shell. Refrigerate 4 hrs. before serving. Garnish with additional sliced strawberries.

Note:—The remaining marshmallow mixture may be placed in a jar, covered and used to frost cup cakes; or it may be combined with pineapple bits to serve as a dessert.

### Trick Of The Chef

To make garlic vinegar, add 3 peeled sliced sections garlic to 1 pint cider or wine vinegar. Cover and let stand, 24 hrs. Then strain.

# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES

GREETINGS—Javier Najera Torres, right, has gifts for President Truman in Washington. The 15-year-old boy was chosen from among 1,500 boys as Mexico's Goodwill Ambassador in an exchange with the US. Robert Marchi, 14, of New York, looks on as US ambassador to Mexico.

FOR ART'S SAKE — Mrs Constance Mackness pours herself an early morning cup of coffee after an all-night wait to hang her pictures in the open-air painting display at the Victoria Embankment Gardens in London.

JAZZ—Gosta Turner, left, of Sweden and "Lips" Page of the US play a few notes on their trumpets during the International Jazz Festival of 1949 in Paris. More than 25 jazz orchestras from all over the world attended the show.

PROSPECTOR — Hunting for uranium differs from prospecting for gold as evidenced by use of a Geiger counter in place of a shovel and pan. Clicks in the earphones, and movements of the dial detect the radio-activity of the ore.

FOR CAREER GIRLS—Hollywood actress Lucille Ball models this forest green suit with four-gored flared skirt for the working girl.

DIFFICULT TASK—Workers struggled to free Edward Reardon, a Hartford, Connecticut, public works employee, after he fell from a truck and was pinned between it and a telegraph pole. Extricated safely, he suffered only leg bruises.

SEAL-ED WITH A KISS—A flapper with flippers, Charlot, plants a damp kiss on the cheek of her trainer, Arnard Guerre, at the Barnes Bros. Circus in Chicago. A wet but affectionate reception.

FAREWELL TO HIS TROOPS—General Lucius D. Clay, second from right, retiring as Military Governor of Germany and American Troop Commander in Europe, watches his last Army review. The parade was held at Grafenwoehr, Germany.

SIGHT-SEEING — Film star Ida Lupino, wearing a becoming new hair-do, visits a night club on a trip to New York. She was accompanied by her husband, Collier Young, as they made the rounds of the town.

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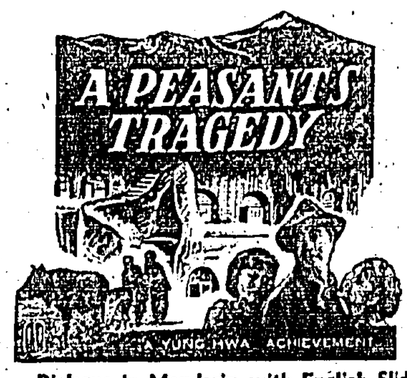


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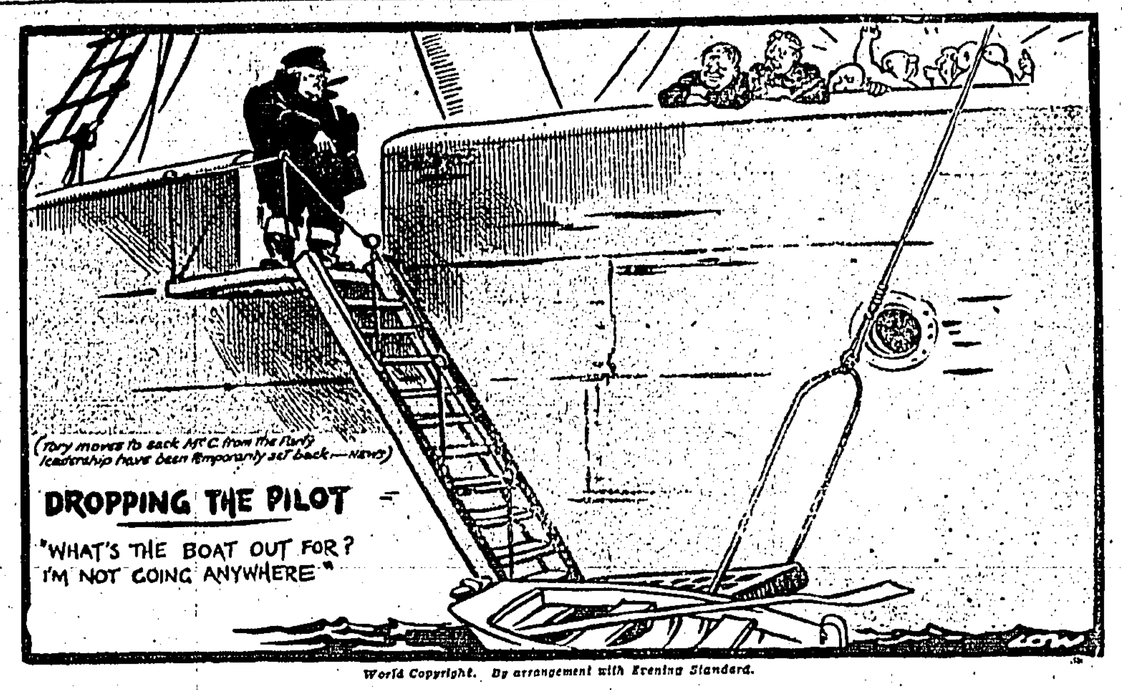


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# Sitting on the Fence.... by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

RECENTLY broadcast details of the elimination of anxiety neurosis, persecution mania, and other delusions which haunt the mentally sick, by an operation on the frontal lobes of the brain, have given a man you know a new angle on affairs at home and abroad.

The man you know is your Uncle Nat, and the new angle is that, as everybody in the modern world appears to be mentally sick, everybody should have the operation.

Cures explained in the broadcast included a house-proud woman, who nearly drove her husband insane polishing and scrubbing and worrying about shopping lists; a devout, serious-minded clergyman, who frowned on all pleasures, including interest in sport, and a woman out-patient of a hospital, who was always changing her white cotton gloves in the belief that the hospital was full of germs which she would carry back to her baby.

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After the operation, the house-proud woman would be giggling in bed all the morning, letting housework go hang.

Her husband had to lift her out of bed, still giggling, and put her on the floor before she would wash and dress herself.

Then she would make out a shopping list, lose it, and return with a lot of things they didn't want. But he preferred her that way. He said she was so happy and companionable.

When the serious-minded clergyman left hospital, he spent most of his time at the radio, roaring with laughter at the comics and listening to football results.

When the germ-haunted mother came back to consciousness, she had forgotten all about white gloves, and didn't care if the baby had beri-beri.

All cases quoted had three characteristics in common. They were completely irresponsible, they were careless about clothes, and they were "remarkably outspoken."

In other words, they didn't give a damn. Life had become a lark.

## In the Kremlin

WE will now assume that everybody has now had the operation except the last normal brain surgeon, who will have to operate on himself, unless he wants to be the only daddy in a world full of grown-up babies.

Beginning with dear old Joe in the Kremlin, who once suffered from the delusion that everybody wanted to take Russia away from him, we find him dressed in old pyjamas, smiling amiably at everybody.

"Did you ring up Truman?" he asks the Foreign Secretary, sprawling in a chair.

"I did."

"Doesn't he want Russia?"

"No. He says he never did want it. He says nobody wants it. He says you can do what the hell you like with it."

"I don't want it myself," says Joe.

"Nor do I," says the Foreign Secretary.

"Ring up Truman again and tell him to take a running jump at himself."

"You ring him up," says the Foreign Secretary. "I want to play with my bricks."

## In Parliament

AT home, the Mother of Parliaments is in session, but the members, their necks dirty, their fingers inky, are not making speeches or asking questions. They are sucking sweets on the benches and kicking each other's ankles.

The Speaker rises for a purpose he has forgotten.

"Who's that silly old man?" asks a member.

"I don't know," says another "Got your catapult?"

"Rather."

Half a dozen catapults are fired at the Speaker. He retreats before the hail of shot.

"Cowardy-cowardy custard," shout the members. "Cowardy-cowardy custard."

"Boys," says a member of the Cabinet, rising. "I have some good news for you. Nobody cares any more about nationalisation of industry, stabilisation of currency or rationing of foodstuffs. So we are not bothering about them."

"Good," about the members.

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"Since our operations, we all feel so happy and well that we have abolished the Ministry of Health. Nobody in the world feels obliged to stay in the navies, armies, or air forces of the world, so we have abolished the office of Minister of Defence. There are no Ministers of Defence anywhere."

"Goody goody," shout the members, their mouths full.

"The Argentine has offered us all the meat we want. North America has offered us all the grain we want. Europe has offered us all the eggs we want. The Cabinet has cabled back to them all: 'Nuts to your meat. Nuts to your grain. Nuts to your eggs. We couldn't care less'."

"Good-oh."

"All the occupation troops have either walked out of Germany or married German girls. Chinese Communists are playing mah-jong with the Chinese Nationalists. Nobody's doing any work. So what shall we do, boys and girls?"

"Let's all go to Monte Carlo."

"Let's," says the Cabinet Minister, being the first to grab his cap and fight his way out of the House.

## In the bank

THE bank manager is alone in the bank, with a pile of notes before him.

A man walks in and offers to play him marbles.

They are soon on their knees rolling the marbles along the floor.

When they are tired of the game, the man rises and points to the pile of notes.

"What are those?" he asks.

"Money," says the manager. "Remember?"

"Sort of," says the man.

"Want some?" asks the manager.

"Aren't you supposed to have an account or something?"

"Don't be silly," says the manager. "Tell you what. Let's grab a handful each and blue it all on chocky crunch and bull's-eyes."

## In the home

AN ex-business man comes tearing up the suburban street on roller skates, bowling a hoop.

When he reaches "Bide-a-wee," his wife is waiting in the doorway, a doll in her arms.

"Hullo, Funnyface," she says. "Where did you get that hoop? Can I play with it?"

"Funnyface yourself," says the ex-business man. "You wouldn't let me set fire to your doll's house, so I could use my toy fire escape."

"You can start a teeny weeny fire in my doll's house if I can bowl your hoop."

"All right, then," says the ex-business man. "But only to the end of the road and back. Promise?"

"Honour bright."

"Say, 'Cut my throat if I tell a lie'."

"Cut my throat if I tell a lie."

When she comes back, hot and flushed with the exertion, the exbusiness man says, "What's for supper?"

"I didn't cook anything. I was playing with my dolly."

O.K. What's for supper?"

"Sardines, doughnuts, and toffee."

"Scrumptious," shouts the ex-business man, drawing up his chair.

## Inland revenue

WHEN your Uncle Nat and Mr Bloodsucker, the income tax collector, have both had the operation, the long and bitter correspondence between them will end finally on the friendliest note.

*My dear B—*

Just a line to say I am not paying any taxes this year. Hope you don't mind. Would you care to swap six "Boy's Own" for six "Chums"? Kind regards to Mrs B.

*All the best.*

Nat.

*My dear Nat,—*

Of course, I don't mind. Who cares, anyway? Have posted six "Chums" and some old Billy Bunters.

Kind regards to Mrs G.

*Ever*

B.

—(London Express Service)

NEW YORK LETTER:

# A LITTLE MAN FINDS FAME

## By C.V.R. Thompson

New York.

A FUNERAL closed down New York's chief industry, dressmaking, the other day, and caused chaos in half the city's streets.

Taking part were 100,000 people. In the procession were 65 funeral cars, five buses, 14 police cars.

But the man they buried was no public figure. Until he died few had heard his name—William Lurye.

Then Lurye, small-time union organiser, was stabbed in a telephone kiosk. His bosses made an overnight martyr of him.

They charged that sweatshops had killed him with hired assassins, because he had recruited too many non-union workers.

So they all stayed away from work to give him the biggest funeral New York has seen.

Yelled David Dubinsky, their leader, in the black-draped theatre where the service was held: "We will never cease our efforts to find his murderers."

Detectives, 104 of them, were searching even then. Plain-clothes men mixed with the crowd, hoping to get a clue from conversation. But the crowd was crying too hard to say anything.

EVEN President Truman's own men in Congress told him today that he had better cut Government spending instead of raising income taxes. Their reason: More income taxes will be bad for business and, therefore, for the nation's economy. ... Money troubles have caused the navy to lay off 10,000 civilian shipyard workers, and the army to cut its public relations staff from 500 to 300. ... Racecourses complain they will not make any profit this year if attendances and betting, down 30 percent. on last season, do not improve soon.

WHISKY for 10s. a bottle is a New York possibility soon, now that the courts have outlawed a price-fixing arrangement which made price "wars" an offence. ... The British Information Services in New York are releasing a Board of Trade publicity film showing "the construction of a ship from a blueprint to her maiden trip to Rio."

UNOFFICIALLY, the official Washington view is that the pound should be devalued at three dollars and 25 cents. ... It will be four and a half years before America produces electricity from the atom. ... U.S. airmen stationed in Britain report that the R.A.F.'s jet planes are better than theirs. ... New York's largest chain of snack bars boasts that its sausages are now 100 percent. meat again (no cereals, no bread, no heavy spices added).

TWELVE of America's 48 States have proposed a constitutional amendment to ban for all time the nationalisation of labour, business, industry, or the professions. ... On sale—a nylon bathing suit guaranteed to dry in ten minutes; a hand lotion which makes soap, water, and towels unnecessary. ... Total commission taken in one day's business by one Wall Street brokerage house was 35s. ... Latest fan of the Dodgers, Brooklyn's baseball team, is Adunye Emeni, Crown Prince of Gwnie, in Nigeria, who is here on UNO business.

THEY ARE DANCING in the streets in Jersey City, across the river from New York, over the defeat of Frank Hague, the last of America's famous political bosses. He had ruled them like a feudal lord for 30 years. He was defeated by "an enlightened electorate" and the installation of tamper-proof voting machines. ... Nearly half of America's men, says a Washington report, do not own pyjamas.

CONGRESSMEN may no longer accuse colleagues of a canard. Today the Speaker ruled a canard is a lie, and it is against the rules for one member to call another a liar.

RIOT SQUADS were called out at Los Angeles when two drug stores started a cut-price war. Each manager put a tic-tac man outside the other's shop to signal cuts. These reached rock bottom with: pie and ice-cream ½d.; women's underwear 1s.; full course steak dinner 1s. 9d.

Result: Mobs fought to get in.

OXFORD HISTORIAN, 60-year-old Professor Arnold Toynbee, named in a Chicago lecture the two things he likes best about the U.S.—peanut butter (a paste of ground-nuts), and Bing Crosby.

GADGET-MINDED U.S. has produced one that rocks and sings baby to sleep. Dr Sydney Baruch, whose past inventions were to do with depth-charges, showed his mechanical night nurse today. It is a cot rocked by an electric motor for 15 minutes, while a gramophone plays "To a wild rose."

SHOW BUSINESS: Mary Pickford's memoirs are ready for publication, but she will tell only half her life story. The rest is to be held over until after her death ... Cecil B. de Mille's film "Samson and Delilah" will give screen credit to the Bible. ... Strip-teaser Lili St. Syr has discovered a new technique. She starts off semi-nude and ends up fully dressed. ... One Hollywood actor has made 75 pictures in four years, and most people have never heard of him. He is a Western star, Ray Barecroft. ... Katharine Hepburn has taken up stonemasonry as a hobby.

# IF YOU MUST COLLECT . . .

## BY J. W. TAYLOR

ROTHSCHILD collected—fleas .....Caesar collected—mosaic tables.....Baldwin collected—owls.....Roosevelt collected—ash trays.....and in Bristol Harry Luffman collects—poison pen letters!

The collector's craze is spreading. It has gone far beyond the mundane hobby of acquiring stamps and autograph. If you, too, must join the collectors, then here is a list of different assemblings of unusual "treasure."

There's Mr J. Cleverley, of Swindon. For 25 years he has been collecting photographs of motor car accidents. His 3,000 specimens range from the pictorial record of the first fatal car crash in Britain in 1889 to a lorry bruising a car not far from his own home.

Eighty-three-year old Harry Luffman, former Bristol business man has spent his 20 years of retirement amassing 300 poison-pen letters all neatly tied up in bundles.

William Williams, of Llanrwst North Wales, prefers to be a sermon taster. He has listened to over 6,000 of them, totalling over fifteen million words, and has recorded the names of the preachers with date and text in a huge interleaved Bible.

If you prefer the macabre with a morbid appeal, there is Lawrence Hutton's unique "Portraits in Plaster," preserved at Princetown University. They are the death masks of the famous and infamous. A Kansas City man takes pride in his series of handcuffs dating back to 1620 and each one coming from the wrists of a murderer. His prize item is the pair with which a negro who wore them had beaten his guard to death.

Thousands of fleas from all parts of the world have been kept in spirits and preserved in individual vials by Baron Rothschild. Each label states the place of origin and the name of the host (human or otherwise) upon whom the flea was found. In contrast, William Hanks spent thirty years collecting spider webs, each one carefully preserved between sheets of glass. Rather difficult in these austere days is the hobby of another man whose souvenirs are sugar lumps. The labels tell from which house or hotel it was obtained.

There is the American art dealer whose house is lettered with a mass of curios from a piano six inches long, with every note perfectly tuned, to a landscape painted on a single melon seed. King Farouk goes in for match-box labels, and his cacti collection contains every known specimen of African cactus. The study of the late President Roosevelt was literally studded with his accumulation of ashtrays of every shape and size and quaint table knick-knacks.

Like Lord Greenway, Lester Hewitt has a vast army of toy soldiers correct in every detail, with modern armaments added.

Mr O. Ellis, of Chatham, has accumulated 700 different cycle lamps. They take up much less room than Sir Charles Lawes-Wittewronge's assembly of assorted bedsteads, proudly displayed at his country house in Herefordshire.

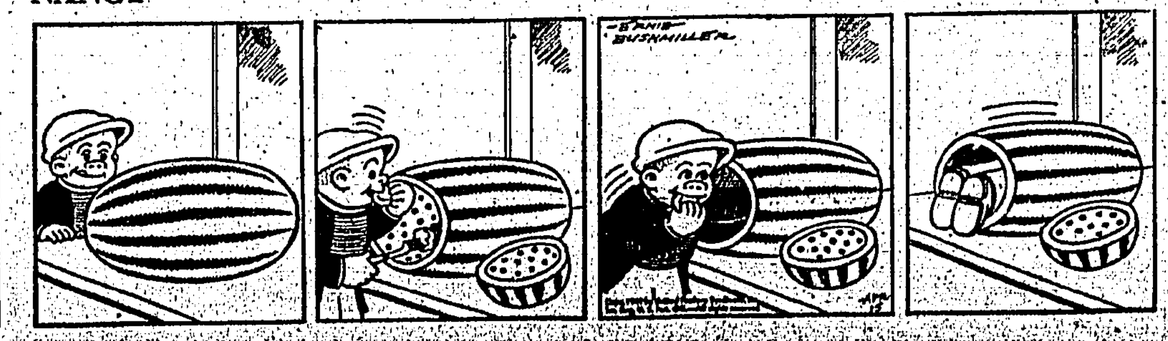
Mine host of "The Old Bell Inn," East Molesey, collects twigs of unusual shapes resembling prehistoric or human beings. He adds beads for eyes and paints them to make life-like dinosaurs and other creatures of the past and present.

If you like that sort of thing, then there is the passion of a French doctor for memorial crosses and curiously carved tombstones which have turned his garden into a miniature cemetery.

A Danish solicitor spent his spare time on his display of "molars" belonging to the famous. His specially constructed cabinets boast dental specimens ranging from members of European royalty, the Duke of Wellington, George Washington and Lafayette to Bismark and Marshal Pilsudski.

Julius Caesar collected mosaic tables. Charles I miniature copies of his favourite paintings and Stanley Baldwin owls.

NANCY Super Scooper By Ernie Bushmiller



# SMUTS ON SITUATION IN ASIA

## World Must Shake Off Lethargy

**London, June 7. — General Jan Smuts, former South African Premier, said here today that what was happening in Asia was creating the gravest situation the world had known for hundreds of years.**

Addressing a press conference, General Smuts spoke of a "sense of menace" in the world generally, and an "underground cold war."

***General Smuts said that all Europeans in Asia were being expelled. Asia, containing two-thirds of the human race, was developing a new nationalism.***

**The situation was so big that no-one could size it up. For over 100 years the people of Asia had been led by European men, capital, energy and organising power. Europeans were now being sacked.**

What would happen in China? In a sense everything was behind an iron curtain; what was happening in the West was in comparision very small indeed.

Asked about the Indians in South Africa, General Smuts said that racial problems were inevitable but were capable of adjustment.

"We have had these problems for a long time," he added. "They are not getting better, as I thought they might; they are getting worse. The Indians in South Africa are much happier than the Indians in India. Those Indians of South Africa who return to India want to come back.

General Smuts said the world must lift itself from its present lethargic state of believing that what was happening was unavoidable destiny, of a magnitude much too great for ordinary people to deal with.

He called the present moment the "twilight of man's spirit." He likened people to birds sitting paralysed as they watched the approach of a snake.

"You have got to stand up to it," the former Premier of South Africa added.

"Be strong, be courageous, be firm.

"The torpor must be shaken off. Things are on the move, very sinister things. There are tremendous movements which seem to threaten to sweep over people and submerge them.

"Events move in waves, but we are not on the crest of the wave, we are at the bottom."

He thought he saw a change in the temper of the British people. They were sitting down to menace and accepting it.

Speaking of the Commonwealth he said, "The land of hope and glory. Not much glory, but hope is there."

The world needed the Commonwealth and could not get on without it. It might not like it much, but it needed it badly. It contained a fund of humanity, experience and courage. It had what the Americans call "know-how."

The East-West European dispute was a "game." It need not be taken too seriously, providing that the people remained awake.

The greatest change was taking place in the Far East.

The resurgence of Europe and the entry of the United States into the Atlantic Pact showed that things were on the turn. There was no reason to be discouraged, General Smuts said.—Reuter.

## KING TO DRIVE TO PARADE

**London, June 7.—The King will drive to a Trooping the Colour parade in celebration of his official birthday on Thursday.**

As Colonel-in-Chief of the Brigade of Guards, he will ride alone in an open landau—from Buckingham Palace to the Horse Guards' parade.

Princess Elizabeth, Colonel of the Grenadier Guards and the Duke of Gloucester, Colonel of the Scots Guards, will ride on horseback side by side immediately behind the King's carriage.

The King will remain in his landau at the Horse Guards' arch and will stand while the Royal salute is given. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Gloucester will sit their horses behind his carriage.

The King, followed by the Royal procession, will inspect the line. On returning to the saluting base, he will dismount and stand on the dais to take the salute at the March-Past. He will drive back to the Palace at the head of the King's Guard, furnished by the Welsh Guards, whose colour—given by the King last month—is to be trooped.

Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Gloucester, with the colonels of the other regiments of the Foot Guards, General Sir Charles Lloyd, of the Coldstream Guards, and the Earl of Gowrie, of the Welsh Guards, will accompany the King back to the Palace.—Reuter.

## TWO BROTHERS IN TROUBLE

Hamburg, June 7.—The brothers Rudolf Blohm, 63, and Walter Blohm, 61, owner of Germany's biggest shipyard, were charged today with removing 240 pieces of machinery without authority to their brother-in-law's plant and with wilfully misleading military government officials.

They were alleged to have approved a false document to show that the machines came from the Soviet zone.

The brother-in-law, Max Andarere, and three other members of the firm were also charged.

The case, begun today, is expected to last several days. It is a summary hearing to decide whether the case goes to trial.—Associated Press.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galdraith

"You have a smart son, Mr. Jones—getting such wonderful grades at college, and still finding time to grow a [illegible]"

## UK Second Nation To Ratify Pact

**Washington, June 7.—Britain today became the second country to complete ratification of the North Atlantic Pact when her Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, handed the instrument of ratification to the United States, Under-Secretary of State, Mr James Webb, in a brief ceremony at the State Department.**

**Sir Oliver expressed the "firm belief that in the present circumstances the treaty provides the best guarantee of future peace."**

**Accepting the document, Mr Webb paid tribute to the British people who, he said, had always done their utmost in the interests of preserving freedom and the Democratic way of life.**

**Canada completed ratification of the treaty on May 3.—Associated Press.**

## Calwell's Drastic New Bill

**Canberra, June 7.—The Immigration Minister, Mr Arthur Calwell, today introduced into the House of Representatives the "Wartime Refugee Bill" containing drastic deportation provisions.**

The Bill covers every person who: entered Australia during the war and is an alien; entered Australia during the war and has not since left Australia; entered Australia during the war by reason of any circumstances attributable to the war and has not since left Australia.

The Bill provides that any person certified by the Immigration Minister as coming within one of the three categories is liable for deportation.

Controversy in recent weeks has centred on the application of the "White Australia" policy, and in particular the refusal to allow Sergeant Gamboa, a Philippine-born American soldier stationed in Tokyo, to visit his Australian wife and three children in Australia.

Last week a High Court decision restrained the Immigration authorities from deporting three Chinese. The Court ruled that they were not "prohibited immigrants" within the meaning of the Immigration Act.

The Bill prescribes a penalty of £A100 or six months' imprisonment for concealing or assisting a deportee in evading deportation.

It also provides a fine of £A50 or imprisonment not exceeding three months for offences against regulations which can be made under the Bill if it becomes law.

Unofficial observers here considered that Indonesian-born Mrs Annie O'Keefe—who successfully appealed to the High Court against a deportation order—would come under the provisions of the Bill.

Mrs O'Keefe entered Australia during the war and married an Australian, Mr John William O'Keefe in 1947.

The High Court ruling in the O'Keefe case was regarded as a precedent for many such cases.—Reuter.

## America's 3m. Unemployed

Washington, June 7.—Unemployment in the United States jumped 273,000 in May to a new postwar peak of 3,239,000, the Census Bureau reported today.

The Bureau commented that the increase was contrary to seasonal expectations. The new high in unemployment is 68,000 above the previous top reached last February.

The number of job seekers rose faster than the number of jobs available because school-age youth sought work during the holidays.—Reuter.

## Joe Louis Cited Co-respondent

Chicago, June 7.—Joe Louis, former heavyweight champion of the world, was named as co-respondent in a divorce suit filed today by the Reverend Matthew C. Faulkner against his wife, Mattie, aged 27, a New York model.

The suit alleged desertion and adultery. Mr Faulkner, aged 33, is a former Baptist minister and Army Chaplain. The couple have two children. Mr Faulkner already has a $500,000 alienation of affections suit pending against Louis.—Reuter.

## Honolulu Housewives Picket Union

**Housewives protesting Hawaii's month-long waterfront strike carry placards on brooms calling for the ouster of union officials as they picket ILWU headquarters in Honolulu. At the right Robert McElrath, ILWU spokesman, holds up a hastily painted sign as he pickets the pickets.—AP Picture.**

## UN Protest At Israeli Advance

**Jerusalem, June 7.—Israeli troops early this morning advanced about five-eighths of a mile along a one and a quarter mile front up to the fence surrounding the former Government House in Jerusalem, which is now the Palestine Headquarters of the United Nations.**

The Israeli commander in the Jerusalem area, Lieutenant Colonel Moshe Dayan, told correspondents that the move was peaceful, except for a few burst of machine-gun fire from Arabs. There were no casualties.

The United Nations Headquarters this morning protested to the Israeli authorities. The demilitarised area now covers only Government House itself and its immediate grounds.

Israeli farmers have already begun ploughing the land taken over.

In Tel-Aviv today, a spokesman, commenting on the report, said that this area, although now occupied by the United Nations, was allocated to Israel under the armistice agreement.—Reuter.

## Terrorists Pay The Penalty

Singapore, June 7.—Three Chinese terrorists were hanged at Alor Star prison in Kedah state today for possessing arms.

Two of the terrorists fell into a British Army trap near the Siamese border.

Sixty-eight terrorists have been hanged since the fighting commenced in Malaya.—Associated Press.

# Mr Alexander On H.K.'s Defences

(Continued from Page 1)

to such a matter as that was entirely based on what he (Mr Alexander) had said in his statement in the House of Commons on May 5.

Mr Alexander was next asked if there had been any contact with Washington on these matters and he replied that that should be addressed to the Foreign Offices concerned and not to Ministers of Defence. He added that there was always consultations with the Dominions on any matters of mutual interest.

### WOULD IT MEAN WAR?

A correspondent: In the event of a direct Communist attack on the border would that mean war?

Mr Alexander: What usually happens when an attack is made?

The correspondent: They may invade the New Territories with armed forces.

Mr Alexander: We have to look at the attack by ourselves. What influenced the attack, was it by orders?

The correspondent: Say it is by orders.

Mr Alexander: If it is by orders we shall deal with the situation when it arises. You must not ask me any questions in advance. I have had to deal with a lot of questions of this nature in the last ten years.

Mr Alexander informed the pressmen that on his way here he had visited headquarters in the Canal Zones, Aden, Colombo and Singapore. On his return trip to England he would visit one or two out-stations.

Asked about his conference in Saigon, Mr Alexander expressed surprise adding that he only stopped there to see to refuelling and to get a much-needed breakfast having got up that morning at 4.30.

The Defence Minister next was asked what he thought about the Red Radio attack on the British Government published in this morning's newspapers.

Mr Alexander: I have to examine it.

### NO CONFLICT

The Defence Minister added that when he came to Hongkong on Monday he read a syndicated article in the English-language papers which seemed to indicate that the policy of the Home Government with regard to Hongkong was in conflict with the Service chiefs. This, he said, was completely untrue. "Just s' ows you how much value you chaps here can place upon such syndicated distribution," he said.

Then came this question from a Chinese correspondent: Mr Alexander, do you think that a third world war is imminent?

Mr Alexander: Do you think I am going to answer that? Our policy is a policy of peace. No one has struggled more insistently and continuously for peace than His Majesty's Government.

The Defence Minister, replying to further questions, said that he thought negotiations with regard to the Amethyst would continue. He added that the attitude of the British Government to the actual incident on the Yangtse had been fully stated by himself in the House and he had nothing to add or take away from it.

A correspondent: Any likelihood of favourable developments in these negotiations, as far as you are aware?—

### SAFETY FACTOR

Mr Alexander: I don't think I should answer that. When we have a question of this kind and we have a ship in that position the less a Minister says until the negotiations are completed the better. It is for the safety of those concerned—the British personnel.—I am not objecting to being cross-examined.

Another Pressman: Have your Service Chiefs indicated that Hongkong's defence position is very substantially better than at the beginning of the war in 1941?

Mr Alexander: I should say that the circumstances are different.

Better or worse?—It lies with me.

Mr Alexander announced that he would visit "my men of the Yangtse in the Naval Hospital." He was also going to visit the RAF at Kai Tak and the Hongkong Defence Unit.

Asked about the proposed airfield, Mr Alexander replied, "I have had consultations here about that."

### LOCAL RECRUITING

Replying further to a question about local recruiting, Mr Alexander said that he was very pleased with the voluntary support given by the number of people who had come forward, and hoped the number would grow. The British Government would be grateful if the Press would do their best to influence recruiting.

An American correspondent: Mr Alexander, would 12,000 troops, nine Spitfires and one cruiser be sufficient to meet a force of 50,000 Communists?

The Defence Minister: That is not the extent of our resources.

Another American correspondent: May we interpret that answer as meaning that there will be additional commitments if the occasion arises?

Mr Alexander: I have said what I have said.

Are you satisfied with the information you have as to the strength of the Communist forces?—I never make public reports of my intelligence.

Concluding the conference, the Defence Minister referred to an important conference which he attended and at which Mr Churchill said to the Pressmen, "Well, gentlemen, have you all done?" Mr Churchill then made an important decision, "but I am not doing that now," he added with a smile. "Still I think you are a fine lot of chaps and I hope I shall meet you all again in the future."

# Move To Settle Britain's Sunday Strikes

**London, June 7.—The Ministry of Labour today took action on England's "every Sunday" unofficial railway strike by inviting the executives of the two unions involved to a Ministry conference tomorrow "so that the position can be reviewed".**

***North-Eastern railwaymen have struck for the past three Sundays in protest against new schedules compelling locomotive crews to spend nights away from home, and this week-end there were signs of the strike spreading to the West and North-West regions.***

**So far they have ignored appeals from their union leaders to resume normal Sunday working so that official negotiations can be opened.**

The two executives—of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, and the National Union of Railwaymen—were meeting in London today to consider their next move.

Union leaders feared that the Railway Executive—the controlling body of Britain's nationalised Railways — might suspend the current wage negotiations until the Sunday strikes and the "go-slow" action at certain goods depots were called off.

Britain's other major strike—the stoppages at Western ports in support of the Canadian Seamen's Union strike—spread today.

Two thousand more Liverpool dockers joined the 6,000 who have already been on strike there for the past 11 days, while about 70 seamen decided to support the dockers at strike-bound Avonmouth.

The crew of the Trojan Star, from which troops last week unloaded a cargo of 3,000 tons of refrigerated meat, said that they would not sail the vessel while Navy men were operating the lock gates.

About 1,500 of the 2,000 Bristol and Avonmouth dockers held a mass meeting this morning and decided unanimously to continue the strike.—Reuter.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## COMMO LOSES HIS IMMUNITY

Paris, June 7.—The French National Assembly today decided by 211 votes to 182 to deprive the leading Communist deputy, Mr. Florimond Bonte, of his Parliamentary immunity.

The Public Prosecutor requested the action because of an alleged libel of Cabinet Ministers in articles in Bonte's name which appeared in the Communist weekly France Nouvelle on October 2 and October 9 last year.

Bonte, who is 50, acts as spokesman for the Communist Party in the National Assembly.

Last February, when the French Government took action against the Communist campaign "to demoralise the Army" the Public Prosecutor put forward a request for the waiving of Bonte's Parliamentary immunity.—Reuter.

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6, Programme Summary; 6.01, The Richard Tauber Programme with the Melachrino Orchestra; Guest: Olga Gwynne. (BBCTS); 6.30, Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends; 6.40, "The Terry Lucido Trio. (Studio); 7, "Record Round-About" Variety Request Programme presented by Jean Halliday. (Studio); 8, World News and News Analysis. (London Relay); 8.15, "Much Binding in the Marsh." (BBCTS); 8.45 "Generally speaking" "Leisure and the Englishman" A Talk by Salvador de Madriago. (London Relay); 9, "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 9.10, "The British Concert Hall—London Symphony Orchestra. (BBCTS); 10.10, Songs from Cole Porter's Musical "Kiss me, Kate"; 10.25, "Le Sylphides"—Ballet—London Philharmonic Orchestra; 10.35, "Dance to Music from Hawaii"; 11, Radio Newsreel. (London Relay); 11.15, Weather Report and Summary of News from China; 11.30, Close Down.

COUNTY CRICKET

# Worcester Lead The Championship Race

## John Langridge Hits Another Century

*London, June 7.—New leaders in the County Cricket Championship table have come from the Whitsun week-end series of games.*

*Worcestershire now occupy that elevated position following their victory in two days against Essex and the failure to win by both Middlesex and Surrey, who were previously first and second, respectively, in the table.*

Worcestershire's win yesterday made their points total 56, while Middlesex, taking only four for their first innings lead, have 52 and Surrey, losing to Nottinghamshire, remain at 44, where they are joined by Yorkshire, who took the first innings lead in their drawn game with Lancashire.

The most exciting finish today was Warwickshire's one wicket victory over Derbyshire. A collapse threatened Warwickshire this morning, but Ord and Spooner checked it with a fifth wicket stand of 65 and then Ord and Townsend put on 49 for the sixth wicket.

Even so, Warwickshire still needed 11 runs with two wickets to fall. Pritchard hit two fours, but was out when two runs were still needed. Hollies, the last man in, survived five balls before Ord took a single off the next over. Hollies lasted out the rest of that over and then Ord scored the winning single.

His 75 not out occupied three hours 50 minutes, but was worth every minute for it was a real match-winning innings.

Great bowling by Douglas Wright featured the Kent victory over Hampshire.

With six wickets standing Hampshire needed 82 runs today, but Wright took five for 28 to give him 8 for 63 in the innings and Kent won by 26 runs.

Wright was quite unworried by being no-balled many times owing to his tendency to drag his foot at the moment of delivery.

Sussex saved their match with Middlesex and though Compton's benefit did not bring a victory it was a financial success. More than 11,000 paid at the turnstiles today when the Sussex second innings was featured by John Langridge's century.

He was at the wicket for four and a half hours and hit 13 fours. Half way through the afternoon it was obvious that Sussex had saved the match, which produced more than a thousand runs for the loss of 25 wickets.

### BATTLE OF THE ROSES

Yorkshire should have won the Battle of the Roses with Lancashire, but they had one disastrous spell of ten minutes. Lancashire, needing 318 runs in less than four hours, had started going for the runs and four of their best batsmen were out for 65, which gave promise of a Yorkshire win.

Then Grieves was missed four times in ten minutes after being at the crease 35 minutes for one run. He proceeded to knock the Yorkshire bowlers in a hit or miss display and rattled up 50 in 35 minutes.

He scored 69 before losing his wicket and took part in a century stand with Wharton (73 not out), which earned Lancashire a draw. Grieves hit four sixes and eight fours.

Northamptonshire made no mistake this morning to score the nine runs necessary for first innings' points and the eighth wicket stand passed the hundred. Davis, in reaching 171, had the highest score of his career. He batted six hours, hit 17 fours and did not give a chance.

With Leicestershire losing four men for 57 in their second innings, a win for Northamptonshire seemed possible, but Tompkin, receiving good support from two of his team-mates, saved Leicestershire. He hit a six and ten fours in an aggressive innings.

Highlights of the Nottinghamshire-Surrey match apart from the home county's bright hitting, were Simpson's second double century of his career, which occupied four hours 40 minutes and a second hundred in the match by Fishlock, who in a stay of two and a quarter hours, hit two sixes and 16 fours.

Nottinghamshire were set to score 206 in 123 minutes and they attacked from the start. Simpson and Hardstaff the England players, opened with 120 in 55 minutes and the runs were knocked off in 97 minutes for the loss of only two wickets.

### THE RESULTS

Results of games ended today were:

At Birmingham: Warwickshire beat Derbyshire by one wicket. Derby 86 and 292; Warwickshire 172 and 207 for 9 (Ord 75 not out, Jackson 4 for 59).

At Southampton: Kent beat Hampshire by 26 runs. Kent 131 and 153; Hampshire 104 and 154 (Wright 8 for 63).

At Manchester: Lancashire drew with Yorkshire. Yorkshire 326 for 7 declared and 168 for 3 declared (Hutton 91 not out); Lancashire 177 and 227 for 5 (Grieves 69, Wharton 73 not out).

At Northampton: Northamptonshire drew with Leicestershire. Leicestershire 324 and 153 for 7 (Tompkin 78, Brown 4 for 35); Northants 392 (Davis 171).

At Nottingham: Notts beat Surrey by 6 wickets. Surrey 208 and 209 for 5 declared (Fishlock 116); Notts 302 for 2 declared (Simpson 200 not out) and 209 for 2 (Hardstaff 74, Simpson 58 not out).

At Lord's: Middlesex drew with Sussex. Sussex 209 and 374 for 8 (C. Oakes 62, John Langridge 139, J. Oakes 53); Middlesex 429 for 7 declared.

At Cambridge: Cambridge University drew with Free Foresters. Free Foresters 215 and 259 for 3 (Allen 101 not out, Shirreff 51 not out); Cambridge 401 for 7 declared.—Reuter.

### HOW THEY STAND

| | P | W | L | D | L | 1st Inn. D | Pts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Worcester | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 56 |
| Middlesex | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 52 |
| Surrey | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 44 |
| Yorkshire | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 44 |
| Kent | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 40 |
| Somerset | 6 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 40 |
| Warwick | 7 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| Northampton | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 36 |
| Derbyshire | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| Notts | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| Glamorgan | 7 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 24 |
| Sussex | 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 20 |
| Lancashire | 7 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 20 |
| Essex | 7 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 16 |
| Gloucester | 6 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 12 |
| Hampshire | 6 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Leicester | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 |

### CHAMPION COUNTY DRAWS WITH NEW ZEALANDERS

Cardiff, June 7.—A century eighth wicket partnership by Wilfred Wooller and Muncer provided an interesting struggle for first innings lead, which was virtually the end of the match between Glamorgan and the New Zealanders.

Glamorgan failed by three runs to gain this lead in a drawn match, but they provided the most entertaining cricket. Previously there had been complaints from the players about the lifelessness of the pitch.

Wooller completed his 50 in 75 minutes and altogether he hit a six and nine fours in his 80.

Wooller, who helped Muncer to add 101 runs in 80 minutes, was brilliantly run out by Donnelly, who retrieved the ball after dropping a possible catch.

Twenty-five runs were needed for the lead when Hever joined Muncer for the last wicket. Muncer was brilliantly caught just off the ground in attempting the boundary, which would have put Glamorgan in front.

The New Zealanders scored 111 for 3 in an hour and three-quarters and the match was drawn.

Robinson, normally a leg-break bowler, experimented with medium pace to open Glamorgan's attack and got Sutcliffe caught at forward short leg with only eight runs scored.

Smith batted attractively, and the 50 went up in 55 minutes, but the interest had gone from the game and Glamorgan used a variety of bowlers.

### THE SCOREBOARD

The final scoreboard read:

**NEW ZEALAND**

**1st innings 312 for 8 declared.**

**2nd innings.**

| | |
|---|---|
| Rabone lbw b Wooller | 38 |
| Sutcliffe c Clift b Robinson | 4 |
| Smith c Robinson b Jones | 41 |
| Mooney not out | 23 |
| Cowie not out | 0 |
| Extras | 5 |
| | 111 for 3 |

**GLAMORGAN**

**1st innings 309**

—Reuter

# Major League Baseball

New York, June 7. — Preacher Roe fanned 10 Chicago Cubs and held them to six hits to lead the Brooklyn Dodgers in a 7-1 National League victory over Chicago today.

Centre-fielder Andy Pafko homered in the seventh to foil Roe's bid for a shutout. The Dodgers routed Dutch Leonard with a five-hit, four-run spree in the sixth inning. Centre-fielder Duke Snyder's double and homer accounted for two Brooklyn runs.

Roe struck the big blow in the sixth by knocking in two with a bases loaded single. The victory enabled the Dodgers to take over undisputed possession of first place for the time being. The New York Giants can go back into a first place tie with Brooklyn by whipping the St. Louis Cardinals tonight.

Cincinnati faces Boston and Pittsburgh plays at Chicago tonight.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

In the American League, the Detroit Tigers snapped Ed Lopat's perfect five game winning streak as they beat the New York Yankees 5-2. The win put the Tigers five and a half games behind the League leading Yankees.

Catcher Bob Swift hit a two run homer for Detroit and left fielder Hoot Evers drove in two runs on a double. Third baseman Billy Johnson hit a two run homer for New York.

The Washington Senators can tie the Tigers for second place in their night game against Cleveland.

### THE SCORES

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

| | R | H | E |
|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| Brooklyn | 7 | 13 | 0 |

(Winning pitcher Preacher Roe, loser Eutch Leonard.)

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| Detroit | 5 | 9 | 1 |

(Winning pitcher Hal Newhouser, loser Ed Lopat.)—Associated Press.

HERO WORSHIP

**Although Danny Rye, 4, lost the decision in a three-rounder at the Naval Academy's 31st Annual Navy Junior Boxing bouts, at Annapolis, Md. he was rewarded with a big kiss from pretty Anne Greenlee, 3, daughter of Lt. Comdr. and Mrs P. E. Greenlee.—AP Wirephoto.**

TENNIS

# Birmingham Tourney

Birmingham, June 7.—Mrs B. E. Hilton, England, beat Miss B. Gulbrandsson, Sweden, 6-2, 6-1 and Mrs M. Halford, England, defeated fellow countrywoman Joy Gannon 6-3, 6-4 in the quarter-finals of the Birmingham Lawn Tennis Tournament today.

Americans Louise Brough and Mrs Margaret Du Pont also won their way into the semi-finals.

Mrs Du Pont beat Mrs David 6-1, 6-2, and Miss Brough defeated Miss B. Knapp 6-3, 6-0.

Quarter final results in the Men's Singles were:

Tony Mottram, British Davis Cup player, defeated E. J. David, England, 6-4, 6-4.

D. W. Butler, Britain, beat R. V. Fontes, England, 6-0, 6-0.

N. F. Mortadi of Iran beat H. F. Walton, England, 6-3, 7-5.

Geoffrey Paish, another British Davis Cup star, defeated S. Nimr, Egypt, 11-9, 6-2.—Associated Press.

### KENT TOURNEY

Beckenham, Kent, June 7.—Narish Kumar, 20-year-old Indian player, who has come to England for tournament experience, reached the third round of the Men's Singles in the Kent Lawn Tennis Championships here today.

He defeated D. Chalk (Britain) 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 in the second round, mainly through the strength of his volleying and an ability to retrieve from all parts of the court.

After gaining a comfortable first set and taking the opening game of the second, Kumar was subjected to several fierce net attacks by Chalk, and he then became erratic with his placing.

It was not until after the first two games of the third set had been shared that he got on top again, and then his superior tactics told.—Reuter.

Earl Cochell of San Francisco beat K. H. Lo of China 7-5, 7-9, 6-0 in the second round of the Kent County Lawn Tennis championships today.—Associated Press.

### FANLING GOLF

Fanling over the Whitsun holiday and several good cards were returned in the various competitions.

The Captain's Cup qualifying round was won by R. K. Collings with a net 70.

There was a triple tie in the Bogey Pool with R. K. Collings, R. R. Coombs and F. Groves all being one up on bogey.

A Stableford Competition will be held on the Old Course this week-end.

# Tennis League

Indian Recreation Club, as a result of an 8-1 victory over USRC, and South China, turning back Kowloon Tong "Whites" 6-3, are the only two teams to be undefeated after two matches in the Men's "B" Division of the Lawn Tennis League and are now joint leaders of the division.

In the Ladies' "B" Division, the three clubs that won last week won once again with Ladies' Recreation Club assuming the lead in the division with a set score of 16-2. Craigengower Ladies follow with 15-3 and CRC Ladies with 12-6.

### Men's "B" Division

SCAA beat Kowloon Tong "White", 6-3, in the Men's "B" Division.

David Choy and Billy Yu (SCAA) lost to K. L. Wu and K. K. Li 4-6; beat C. Y. Wong and J. Avasia 6-2; beat A. Chan and L. Chan 6-3.

P. Poon and C. K. Chan lost to Wu and Li 4-6; beat Wong and Avasia 6-2; beat Chan and Chan 6-3.

S. Wong and H. C. Kwok lost to Wu and Li 3-6; beat Wong and Avasia 6-1; beat Chan and Chan 6-4.

### KCC BEATS HKCC

Kowloon Cricket Club beat Hongkong Cricket Club, 5-4.

Dr Meyer and Agafuroff (HKCC) drew with A. V. White and W. Sun 6-6; beat C. J. Smith and F. Grose 6-2, lost to A. E. P. Guest and H. G. P. Guest 3-6.

Mahon and Howard lost to White and Sun 3-6; drew with Smith and Grose 6-6; lost to Guest and Guest 1-6.

Lemay and Clifford beat White and Sun 6-3; beat Smith and Grose 6-2; lost to Guest and Guest 0-6.

### CRC "A" WIN

CRC "A" beat Kowloon Tong "Blue", 7½-1½.

D. C. Luke and P. F. Choy (CRC "A") beat Lau Chuen and Lau Ping 6-3; lost to S. P. Tao and G. Lin 2-6; beat San Tai and Peter Yue 6-3.

M. Maj and T. W. Choy drew with Lau and Lau 6-6; beat Tao and Lin 6-4; beat San and Yue 6-2.

O. L. Poon and K. M. Au beat Lau and Lau 6-4; beat Tao and Lin 6-2; beat San and Yue 6-2.

### IRC BEATS USRC

IRC beat USRC 8-1.

A. R. Kitchell and I. M. Omar (I.R.C.) beat F. Fisher's and A. Haig 7-5; beat K. Riddy and A. Moyes 6-2; beat A. Dillon and D. Pecaric 6-4.

O. Rumjahn and H. Rumjahn beat Fisher and Haig 7-5; beat Riddy and Moyes 6-4; beat Dillon and Pecaric 6-4.

I. Kitchell and K. M. Rumjahn lost to Fisher and Haig 2-6; beat Riddy and A. Moyes 7-5; beat Dillon and Pecaric 6-2.

### HOW THEY STAND

| | P | W | D | L | Sets F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| IRC | 2 | 2 | - | - | 15 | 3 | 4 |
| SCAA | 2 | 2 | - | - | 15 | 3 | 4 |
| CRC "A" | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 7½ | 1½ | 2 |
| CCC | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 5½ | 3½ | 2 |
| Recreio | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 10½ | 7½ | 2 |
| K. Tong B. | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 9½ | 8½ | 2 |
| K. Tong W. | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 9 | 9 | 2 |
| LRC | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 9 | 9 | 2 |
| KCC | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 8 | 10 | 2 |
| RAF | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | 7 | 0 |
| CRC "B" | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 8 | 0 |
| HKCC | 2 | - | - | 2 | 6 | 12 | 0 |
| USRC | 2 | - | - | 2 | 1 | 17 | 0 |

### Ladies "B" Division

### CCC BEATS RECREIO

Club de Recreio lost to Craigengower, 2-7, in the Lawn Tennis League Ladies' "B" Division yesterday.

Mrs A. Carvalho and Miss A. Roza (Recreio) lost to Mrs Fowler and Mrs S. Chiu 0-6; lost to Miss R. Rumjahn and Miss I. Souza 3-6; lost to Mrs N. Castro and Mrs T. Watson 2-6.

Mrs O. Lawrence and Miss M. Xavier lost to Mrs Fowler and Mrs Chiu 0-6; lost to Miss Rumjahn and Mrs Souza 3-6; lost to Mrs Castro and Mrs Watson 4-6.

Miss M. Figueredo and Miss M. Ribeiro lost to Miss Fowler and Mrs Chiu 4-6; beat Miss Rumjahn and Mrs Souza 6-2; beat Mrs Castro and Mrs Watson 6-3.

Playing at home, Kowloon Cricket Club lost to Ladies' Recreation Club, 0-9.

Miss Fisher and Mrs Horseman (K.C.C.) lost to Mrs Kite and Mrs Allen 2-6; lost to Mrs Scholes and Mrs Robinson 4-6; lost to Mrs Pomeroy and Mrs Hutchinson 2-6.

Mrs Van Houten and Mrs Hoare lost to Mrs Kite and Mrs Allen 4-6; lost to Mrs Scholes and Mrs Robinson 2-6; lost to Mrs Pomeroy and Mrs Hutchinson 1-6.

Mrs Hewitt and Mrs Benjamin lost to Mrs Kite and Mrs Allen 2-6; lost to Mrs Scholes and Mrs Robinson 4-6; lost to Mrs Pomeroy and Mrs Hutchinson 2-6.

### CRC BEATS USRC

United Services Recreation Club lost to Chinese Recreation Club, 4-5.

Mrs A. E. G. Haig and Mrs J. D. A. Lamont (U.S.R.C.) lost to Miss W. W. Choy and Mrs K. Lau 1-6; lost to Miss W. K. Mok and Miss T. F. Choy 2-6; beat Miss Y. L. Ku and Mrs K. W. Chaun 7-5.

Mrs J. F. Raeburn and Mrs S. J. Walton lost to Miss Choy and Mrs Lau 3-6; lost to Miss Mok and Miss Choy 2-6; lost to Miss Ku and Mrs Chaun 3-6.

Mrs Wright and Mrs Christiansen beat Miss Choy and Mrs Lau 6-3; beat Miss Mok and Mrs Choy 6-4; beat Miss Ku and Mrs Chaun 6-2.

### HOW THEY STAND

| | P | W | D | L | Sets F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LRC | 2 | 2 | - | - | 10 | 2 | 4 |
| CCC | 2 | 2 | - | - | 15 | 3 | 4 |
| CRC | 2 | 2 | - | - | 12 | 6 | 4 |
| USRC | 2 | - | - | 2 | 5 | 13 | 0 |
| Recreio | 2 | - | - | 2 | 4 | 14 | 0 |
| KCC | 2 | - | - | 2 | 3 | 10 | 0 |

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Today's matches in the Men's "C" Division are:

CRC "A" v LRC
KCC v CCC
SCAA v Recreio
IRC v CRC "B"
Kowloon Dock v CRC "C"
USRC (bye)

### OPEN SINGLES

Results of the First Round of the Open Singles Lawn Bowls Championship played yesterday were:

A. Campbell lost to W. V. Field, 15-21, on the 21st head; T. Hempsey defeated P. M. N. da Silva, 21-18, on the 24th heads; F. Hughes lost to J. Landolt, 10-21, on the 22nd head; W. C. Simpson lost to W. Hong Sling, 13-21, on the 21st head.

# League Bowls

The following will represent the Kowloon Bowling Green Club in their league on Saturday commencing at 4 p.m.:

1st team v Indian Recreation Club (home).—T. Tindall, A. L. G. Eastman, L. A. Collyer, J. McKelvie (Skip); E. A. Atkins, G. E. F. Thompson, W. C. Simpson, L. Sykes (Skip); F. A. Plume, L. Gaddi, J. Fraser, A. J. Hall (Skip).

2nd team v Taikoo Dock Club (home).—A. Hutton, J. Crighton, A. Spary, V. Chittenden (Skip); J. A. L. Pearson, D. Trail, R. J. Wigginton, J. G. Meyer (Skip); J. G. Robertson, C. E. Crouch, A. R. Warren, J. Hempsey (Skip).

3rd team v. Police Recreation Club (away).—E. F. S. Baker, J. Roberts, W. H. Bailey, H. H. Rose (Skip); A. P. Weir, T. P. Styles, A. Bailey, H. A. Lammert (Skip); P. Hughes, R. H. Browne, T. Wren, T. J. Hemsley (Skip).

### TODAY'S MATCH

Club de Recreio will be represented by the following in a 2nd Division League (away) match against HKCC at 5.30 p.m. today: L. S. Silva, V. A. Sequeira, M. F. Pinna, E. M. Alarcon; A. M. Silva, M. Nunes, N. A. Beltrao, A. A. Lopes; R. M. V. Ribeiro, B. Pintos, J. P. Xavier, A. F. Noronha.

The following will represent the HKCC against the Club de Recreio today at 5.15 p.m. at Chater Road:

D. Phillips, F. C. B. Black, R. A. Edwards, A. W. Brown (Skip); G. W. Sowell, H. J. D. Lowe, J. Skinner, R. H. Wild (Skip); N. R. Oliver, E. J. R. Mitchell, H. F. Shields, W. Williamson (Skip); Reserves.—A. D. Humphreys, T. Crosthwaite, T. Fairburn.

### CHESS TOURNEY

Tomorrow being a public holiday, the matches arranged for the evening in the final of the tournament for the Championship of the Kowloon Chess Club will be postponed to the following Thursday.

First round matches in this tournament, which will consist of 10 rounds, saw two drawn matches. Johnny Carvalho drew with Joseph Tausz through excellent play in a materially inferior position while L. Schure drew with Ray Danenberg.

The other finalist, P. K. Prokopov, had a bye.

# Yacht Club Commodore Reviews The Season

Addressing those present at the presentation of trophies on Monday, the Commodore, Mr N. V. A. Croucher, welcomed Mrs A. C. G. Madden, and expressing regrets at the inability of Admiral Madden to be present hoped he would be able to find time to take part in the forthcoming Navy v Club races.

He continued: The season now closing is a record one. The Fleet continues to increase and now numbers over 80 and nearly all have taken part in the season's racing. During the season, 25 Redwings were put into the water and have proved very popular and successful. These, together with the Dragon and Stars, have provided a lot of keen and interesting racing. Since the War, men and women have suddenly become more interested in sailing and are beginning to realise the joy of having a boat, even a small one, and being able to get away from the maddening throng for an afternoon, day or week-end and visiting the innumerable beauty spots where even the small boats can find an opportunity for sailing in protected waters.

### EVENING INSTRUCTION

The best way to learn to sail is, of course, in a boat and nothing can take the place of the experience gained at first-hand sailing as crew in a boat with a skilled helmsman. With the object of encouraging our younger members, some of our experienced helmsmen are willing to take out novices and instruct them in the gentle art on any evening. The increasing popularity of boat sailing is understandable and owning a boat gives one more enjoyment than almost any other form of recreation and here is an opportunity for our young members to take up one of the most fascinating of sports in almost ideal surroundings.

The cruising fraternity have continued to increase though the call of week-end cruising is finding more supporters than the Sunday racing.

At Chinese New Year, the Club Nautica de Macao invited members of the Club to visit them and we responded to this invitation in full force. Every class of boat was represented and a dinghy would have also come along but couldn't get a clearance from the Sailing Committee.

There never were so many yachts taxed to capacity seen crossing the delta. The race was rather tedious, but we managed to arrive in time to be very hospitably entertained by our hosts. Over 90 members sailed over and sat down to an excellent dinner. I should like again to express our thanks to Captain Rodrigues and Lt. Vittorino who went to a great deal of trouble in making our visit so enjoyable.

### INTERPORT ROWING

This is the first occasion since the War we have been able to hold an Interport Rowing Race. We looked forward to Saigon, Shanghai and ourselves taking part in a triangular contest but unfortunately events up North prevented the Shanghai crew from coming down and participating in what would have been some very keen racing. Hongkong won the fours and pairs and are to be congratulated on rowing such a good race.

However, Saigon proved to be a very formidable crew and did extraordinarily well especially as they are unused to our boats. It has given us very great pleasure in having them visit us and I hope this will inaugurate what will become an annual event.

To this end Mons. Jobez, French Consul General, and the French Community have donated a very handsome trophy and I will ask Madame Jobez to kindly present it to Mrs Madden who will receive it on behalf of the Club.

As I mentioned before, there is no reason why Hongkong, with its excellent facilities, should not become the venue of a Far Eastern Olympaid.

It is a very great pleasure to find our Club becoming increasingly popular with the Officers of the U.S. Navy, and I would mention that the facilities of our Club are always at their disposal.

The projected swimming pool will, I hope, soon take tangible form. This will certainly be a great boon to Members and their families who find it almost impossible to find a niche in the overcrowded beaches now that bathing is so popular.

Before closing I should like to thank all those who have been responsible for organising this Regatta and making the arrangements which have been so successful and enjoyable. I would particularly mention Mr Chidell and Major Boyle who have put in such a lot of hard work.

The proceedings ended with three hearty cheers for Mrs Madden.

## NOT RETIRING

London, June 7.—Rumours that Henry Cotton was retiring from golf, probably due to the fact that he had decided not to defend the British Open title next month, were denied by Cotton himself tonight on his return from South America.

He explained that the time is too short for him to prepare for the Open and do justice in the event. He plans to play in some of the Professional tournaments later in the season and says that if he is chosen he will play for Britain against America in the Ryder Cup match at Ganton in September.—Reuter.

## Mister Conquest

# • FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS •

## • McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

### Sometimes Safer To Lose A Trick

North: ♠ K J 9 2 ♥ A J 3 ♦ Q 10 3 ♣ 8 5 4
West: ♠ A 8 ♥ 9 7 6 ♦ 7 5 4 ♣ Q J 10 7 2
East: ♠ 7 6 4 3 ♥ 10 8 5 2 ♦ A 9 2 ♣ 9 6
South (Dealer): ♠ Q 10 5 ♥ K Q 4 ♦ K J 8 6 ♣ A K 3

Rubber—Neither vul.

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 N.T. | Pass | 3 N.T. | Pass |

Opening—♣ Q 29

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

I HAVE often said that bridge players come from all walks of life.

I met Kathi Norris, who has a television show called "Kathi Norris' Television Shopper" over the Dumont network every morning. Kathi has a lot of charm and personality and she puts on a good show.

She used to play auction bridge and did not take up contract until she was married. When her husband told her that contract was difficult to learn, she was undaunted. "I got my first job with an advertising agency," she told him, "because I spelled 'atom' correctly. The nine previous applicants had spelled it A-D-A-M." She admits, however, that it still is a shock to her every time she makes her contract.

Although she says she used no science when she made the contract on today's hand, she did use the right technique. The queen of clubs was opened by West—and Miss Norris just decided not to play the ace or king. She put on the three-spot. When West continued with the jack of clubs, Miss Norris won this trick.

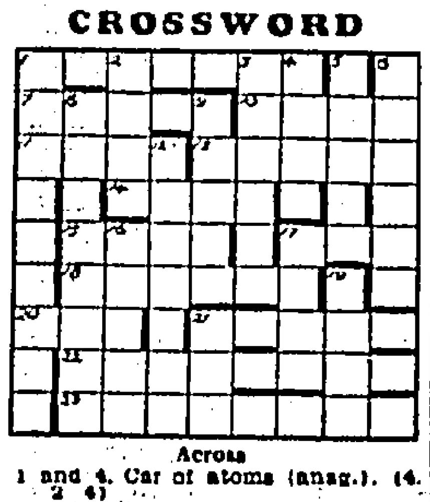
Now she did not have to guess about the diamonds or spades, because she still had the club suit stopped. As a result, all her opponents took were two aces and the queen of clubs. Had she won the first club trick and decided to set the diamonds, she could not have made the contract.

## Check Your Knowledge

1. Why is it hot at the equator and cold at the poles?
2. Name the largest and the smallest continents.
3. What is chiffon?
4. Name the first American island to be recaptured from the Japanese.
5. Where does this occur "East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet"?
6. Name the composer of the opera "Faust."

*(Answers at foot of Column 1)*

## CROSSWORD



**Across**

1 and 4. Car of atoms (anag.). (4. 2 4)
7 and 9. He may be a skilled craftsman but he wasn't a founder of Yale. (9)
10. Indulgence in riotous jollity. (4)
11. Briefly, a notice of death. (4)
13. Simulate. (5)
14. Cut off in small portions. (4)
15. You can almost unite this single thing. (4) 17. Witness. (3)
18. She's one among many R.A.C. helpers. (6)
20. Food from the boathouse. (3)
21. You may do this in here if you're practising gymnastics. (5)
22. Lucky to find one in the salt main. (6)
23. Essential parts that you have seen melt. (8)

**Down**

1. This makes this from time to time. (9)
2. Bitter way to describe a detective? (4)
3. This is a failing. (6)
4. See 1 Across. 5. Nimble (5)
6. Recede for a change. (6)
7. It takes the outer bat to stop up (8) 9. See 7 Across
12. Suggests a slow gentle rub. (7)
16. Country of birth? (5)
17. Its clearance is a modern ideal (4)
19. A piece of ground ornamentally laid out. (4) 21. Pep! (3)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across 1 and 7. Dressing-case; 6. Reformer; 8. Amis; 10. Bias; 11 and 13. Weed-killer; 14. Crib; 15. Ibid; 17. Note; 19. Salve; 20. See 6 Down; 21. Dude; 22. Pegs; 23. Fret. Down: 1 and 20. Drawing room; 2. Refer; 3. Effects; 4. Imbibe; 5. Neighbour; 6. Gratitude; 7. See Across; 12. Dreams; 13. See 11 Across; 16. Dace; 18. Oboe

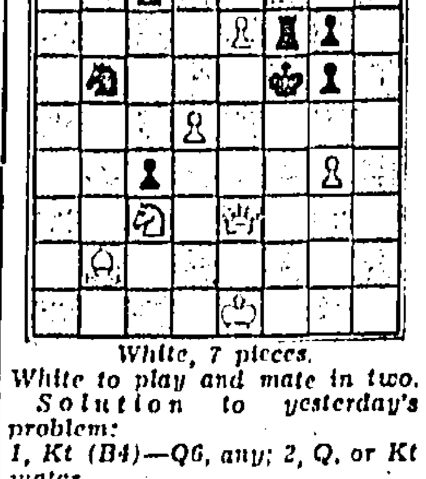
**CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE Answers**

1. Because the sun hits the equator nearly vertically throughout the year, while at the poles it hits obliquely because of the curvature of the earth. 2. Asia is the largest and Australia is the smallest. 3. A light kind of gauze used for trimmings. 4. Attu, in the Aleutians. 5. Rudyard Kipling's "Ballad of East and West." 6. Charles Francis Gounod.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By P. BARRON

*Black, 7 pieces.*



*White, 7 pieces.*

*White to play and mate in two.*

*Solution to yesterday's problem:*

*1, Kt (B4)—Q6, any; 2, Q, or Kt mates.*

## MIDWEEK BOOK PARADE

# SIMON CALLED PETER AND THE CARPENTER

**THE BIG FISHERMAN**
**By Lloyd C. Douglas**
*(Peter Davies, 12/6)*

ALTHOUGH Arabs and Jews had been enemies for more than a thousand years, a threatened attack by the Roman Legions forced them to unite their strength to confront Tiberius and the proof of their alliance was the marriage of the Jewish Prince Antipas and the Arabian Princess Arnon.

There were great celebrations for the royal wedding and the young couple were very popular. But the marriage was not a success. The Jewish Prince was away from his wife for months at a time. He loved the gay life of the city and spent a great deal of his time in Rome. Soon Arnon had a baby daughter, named her Fara, but Antipas did not take the pride in his daughter that Arnon had hoped. He asked Arnon to visit Rome with him and she consented, wishing to be fair. They left Fara in good hands. But Rome did not suit Arnon and she longed for home. Even there her husband left her alone almost every day, and soon she decided to leave him and return to Arabia. When King Aretas heard of the way she had been treated he rode with his soldiers to Jerusalem. Antipas was in Rome but Herod could be punished. When they arrived at Herod's palace he was already dead.

A vow to kill Antipas was prepared and anyone was invited to undertake the task. But it was a dangerous task and in Arabia things had settled down. The threat from Rome had subsided and things were returning to normal. But when Fara grew up she learnt of the marriage of her parents and of the way in which her mother was treated by the Jewish Prince. At a birthday party given by King Zendi, who succeeded her grandfather, Fara saw the parchment vow, which was still lying unsigned upon a table, forgotten. Rising as if to make a speech, Fara "walked with determined steps to the massive table. The audience leaned forward and held its breath, wondering what was about to happen. Moving round the table until she faced the King, Fara made a deep bow. Then, to the amazement of everyone, she whipped a little dagger from her belt and deftly drew a red streak diagonally across her left forearm. Bending over the long neglected, unsigned vow of vengeance, she took up the stylus dipped it in her blood, and wrote FARA."

### Prophet Named John

Prince Antipas was now Tetrarch of Galilee, so it was in that direction that Fara turned, vowed to kill her father. On the way she heard of a prophet called John. She sought him out and listened to him, and as she listened she heard him saying"—in these latter days it is our fate to witness another outpouring of God's wrath. It is not a flood this time, but a purge of the world's wickedness. You will ask 'When is he coming?' And I shall answer, 'It is not coming, it is here!'" He told of the Carpenter of Nazareth, the One who was "near at hand to rid the world of its iniquities!" "I am His courier" said John, "unworthy to stoop down and buckle his sandle straps. I am but a voice, crying in the desert!" Later that night, Fara meets John and she tells him of her errand. She asked him what she should do. "Go first to Nazareth" he told her, "Tell your story to the Carpenter-

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# BY THE WAY

## by Beachcomber

ASKED for a statement yesterday on the purchase of the £78,491,429 worth of feathers which were subsequently sold to two other countries at higher prices, C. Suet, Esq., made it plain that, though the feathers were, in a sense, paid for in advance, they were not actually paid for in advance.

Suet said: "In the case of non-delivery, we were entitled to get our money back, but we cannot be said to have paid in advance, as we are expecting seven tons of feathers any day now. We have only paid for what we have not received, therefore we cannot be said to have paid in advance for what we have not received, unless we do not get what we are entitled to receive."

### *In passing*

BLASTING operations having twice blown in the vicarage windows at Prestwick and driven out the vicar, a fuel official "admitted the damage," and said blasting would be abandoned "because the rock was found to be harder than expected.' Not, of course, because the glass of the windows was found to be softer than expected.

### *Strange visitor to Bourne End*

THE sight of a crocodile basking in the warm mud at Bourne End must have startled most of the inhabitants. "It transpired later that it was stuffed." With sage and onions presumably, that being Bourne End's idea of tasty stuffing. Or was it a couple of criminals, trying to evade justice? This latter supposition is supported by a rumour that when a local big-game hunter approached and shouted at it in a Wapahili dialect the beast replied, "Big heap trouble, me wantum Zambesi." Wrong river," answered the hunter curtly, turning on his heel.

—*(London Daily Express).*

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

# General Tin's Grandfather

*—He Was the Greatest Hunter of All—*

By MAX TRELL

"OF course," General Tin was saying to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "I'm a very great hunter. But there's nothing really surprising in that. Our family has always been great hunters, many of them greater and more famous than I am. Perhaps the greatest of all the hunters in our family was my grandfather's grandfathers' grandfather."

"Oh, that must have been a very long time ago," Hanid said in surprise.

General Tin nodded. "Grandfather's grandfather's grandfather lived quite a number of years ago."

"What was his name?" asked Knarf.

The animal was like an enormous lizard.

### Went Hunting

"General Nimrod," answered the Tin Soldier. "And when he went hunting, he didn't hunt the same kind of animals that I hunt today. In General Nimrod's time there weren't any bears or lions or elephants. Or, at any rate, they didn't look like the bears and lions and elephants that you see now. Why, there weren't any trees!"

Knarf and Hanid eagerly asked what kind of animals there were instead of the usual kind that General Nimrod hunted, and what grew in the fields and meadows instead of trees. General Tin answered the last question first.

"Instead of trees, my dears, there were enormous ferns, some of them as tall as trees. They grew thick and green, and when they were all together, they were even denser than our forests. In these forests of giant ferns, lived the animals that General Nimrod hunted. For instance, there was the dinosaur—"

Knarf interrupted to ask what a dinosaur was like.

"Well," said General Tin, "it was like an enormous lizard. It walked, or hopped, on its hind legs, and had a tail like a dragon. It was so big that it could rest its chin very comfortably on the roof of a house, except I don't think it ever did," the General added hastily.

"Why didn't it?" asked Hanid.

"Because," said General Tin, "there weren't any houses in those days. Another animal that Grandfather's grandfather's grandfather hunted was the sabre-toothed tiger. It looked something like a tiger except that it had two long sharp tusks growing out of its mouth."

Hanid shivered. She was glad there were no more sabre-toothed tigers to be seen. "I'm sure I wouldn't have liked them," she said.

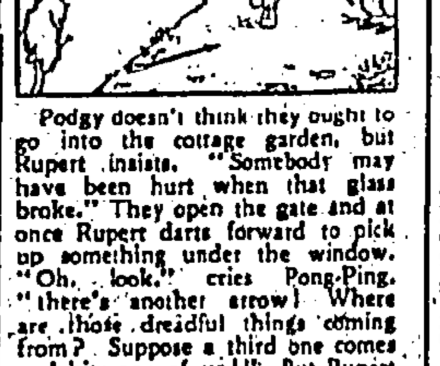
### Elephant With Fur

"And finally," said General Tin, "there was a kind of elephant with fur, General Nimrod also hunted. It was called a mammoth. Yes, my grandfather's grandfather's grandfather certainly had a strange set of animals to hunt. And he didn't even have a gun to hunt them with. All he had was a stone-headed spear or a bow and arrow or a trap. But I often envy him just the same. Alas, there's only one place in the world left where dinosaurs and sabre-toothed tigers and mammoths can be seen."

"Where?" both Knarf and Hanid cried in astonishment.

"In the page of a Natural History Book," General Tin said sadly. "And the only way to hunt them is to turn the pages."

### *Rupert & the Arrows—11*



Podgy doesn't think they ought to go into the cottage garden, but Rupert insists. "Somebody may have been hurt when that glass broke." They open the gate and at once Rupert darts forward to pick up something under the window. "Oh, look," cries Pong-Ping, "there's another arrow! Where are those dreadful things coming from? Suppose a third one comes and hits one of us!" But Rupert is looking carefully at the arrows. "The points of these two are different," he mutters.

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## YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

BORN today, you are an individualist through and through. Your moods can be your worst enemy, for unless you learn to curb them you will drift in emotional clouds which can prove harmful to permanent success. Take good care of your health and see that you get a regulated diet, proper outdoor exercise and relaxation.

There is no bluff in your nature and you are what you are—others can take you or leave you. Since you have your own original ideas, you appreciate that others may also. You are broad-minded enough not to dissuade them, provided you are left alone to think as you wish.

You are astute in judging others and knowing what they should do. Learn to analyse your own gifts and talents as readily and as wisely in order to achieve the best success.

The stars have given you innumerable talents—especially along artistic lines. Use them in your everyday work.

You women are artistic in your homemaking and will have a pleasant home. Your ideals—when it comes to selecting a marriage partner—are exceptionally high. This is particularly true of you of the fair sex and hence, you must guard against becoming disillusioned.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 9

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 22)—If planning on a new business venture, this could be a good day for its beginning. Eschew romance.

**CANCER** (June 23-July 23)—Guard against accidents. Control possible emotional outbreaks. Business plans progress advantageously.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—A general improvement on all fronts. You can trust your emotions and even business is picking up again.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Now take care of those business details you have been postponing—especially plans for expansion.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—A top-notch day for your efforts. Combine business and social contacts for the best possible results, too.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Avoid becoming entangled in legal arguments. Attend to your business carefully. Avoid impatience.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A good day for almost anything. It can be a lucky wedding day—or a good time for business expansion.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Definitely a good day. Just make sure that you don't muff a good opportunity and lose out.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Emotions must be under strict control today. For you, it is another day of patient waiting.

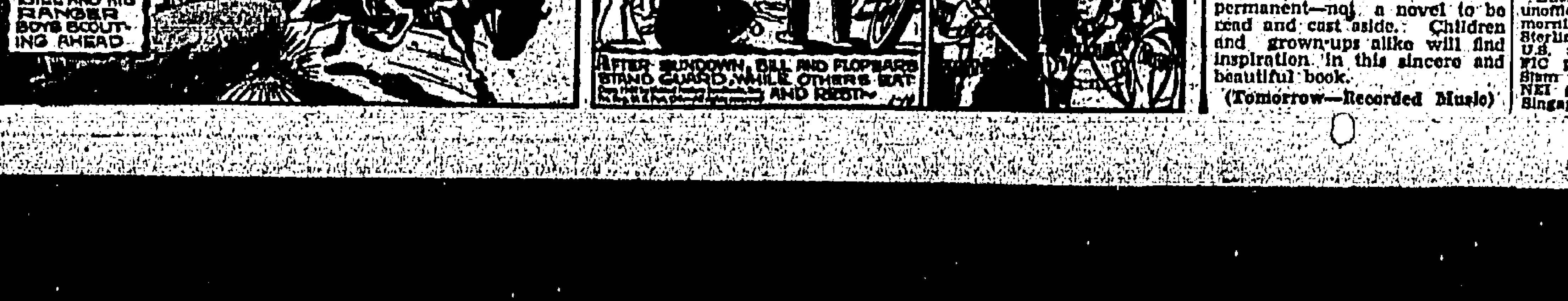
**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—You can risk expansionist plans today if you know exactly where they are leading. Be sure, then go ahead.

**ARIES** (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Go easy on business expansion now. Stick to routine. Don't be too venturesome.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21)—A "go ahead" day at last. Now make up for lost time. You can reach part of your goal now.

## BRONCHO BILL

On Guard — By Harry F. O'Neill




# FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

## US Financial Situation Sound: Snyder

**Sun Valley, Idaho, June 7.—The United States financial and economic situation is "basically sound," Mr John Snyder, the Secretary of the Treasury, said here today.**

**The real news of the year, Mr Snyder said, was "the remarkable performance of American business in operating at close to peak levels, after three years of unprecedented output."**

**He said it was because "we actually became so used to new (post-war) business records—month after month, and year after year," that the "failure to keep making new highs during 1949 became the headline news of the year."**

**"Our opportunities for national economic progress and for sustained high prosperity are tremendous," he said.—Reuter.**

## NY FOREIGN EXCHANGE

| | Closing Rates June 7. |
|---|---|
| Canada (Dollar) | US$0.93¾ |
| England—official | 4.02⅞ |
| England—Unofficial | 3.08 |
| England—30-day futures | 3.99⅝ |
| England—90-day futures | 3.93⅛ |
| Australia (pound) | 3.22¾ |
| New Zealand (pound) | 4.02 |
| South Africa (pound) | 4.03⅛ |
| Belgium (franc) | .0228 |
| Belgium (free) | .0220 |
| Denmark (krone) | .2052 |
| France—official | .004671 |
| France—free | .00301⅛ |
| France—commercial | .00371¼ |
| Holland (guilder) | .3705 |
| Holland—unofficial | - - |
| Italy—official | .00171⅛ |
| Italy—export | .00171⅛ |
| Norway (krone) | .2020 |
| Portugal (escudo) | .0404 |
| Spain (peseta) | .0915 |
| Sweden (krone) | .2785 |
| Switzerland—free | .2333 |
| Switzerland—unofficial | .2350 |
| **Middle East** | |
| Egypt (pound) | 4.15 |
| Iran (rial) | .03125 |
| Turkey (lira) | .3575 |
| **Latin America** | |
| Argentine (official) | .2977 |
| Argentine (free) | .2005 |
| Brazil (cruzeiro) | .0550 |
| Bolivia (boliviano) | .0250 |
| Chile—official | .0335 |
| Chile—free | .0230 |
| Colombia (peso) | .51⅛ |
| Cuba (peso) | - - |
| Peru—official | .1550 |
| Peru—free | .0550 |
| Uruguay (peso) | .4150 |
| Venezuela (bolivar) | .3010 |
| Mexico | .2220 |
| **Far East** | |
| India (rupee) | .3024 |
| Pakistan (rupee) | .3030 |
| Hongkong (dollar) | .2425 |
| Netherlands East Indies | .3765 |
| Singapore (dollar) | .4734 |

—United Press.

## *New PI Export Regulation*

Manila, June 7.—It was officially announced today that President Quirino has signed an Executive order prohibiting the re-export of all goods coming to the Philippines under allocation by foreign countries and the International Emergency Food Council.

The new order amends a previous order which banned only the re-export of goods coming under allocation from the United States.

Informed quarters said the new order was brought about by the discovery of re-exportation of jute bags which came under allocation from India.—United Press.

## MIDWEEK BOOK PARADE

*(Continued from Col. 4)*

Jesus. Abide by his counsel. You will make no mistake if you do as He tells you."

In Galilee Fara, disguised as a camel-boy, came to the house of Simon, The Big Fisherman. He was very sceptical about the Carpenter who was supposed to have cured cripples, making them walk, and to have performed other miracles, including turning water to wine. But soon Simon himself went to hear and see Him. Once he heard the Carpenter's voice he began to take Him seriously. If the things He said were true then nothing would be the same any more..ever.

So it was that Jesus came into Simon's life. .. Simon, who was later to become Peter. And this story is really the story of Peter's experience of Jesus, and tells how weak and how strong he was—how human.

Lloyd C. Douglas, who has already made a valuable and important contribution to Christian Literature in "The Robe," now gives another study of the teaching and the suffering of Jesus, and the transformation which he effected in the lives of those around Him.

"The Big Fisherman" is permanent—not a novel to be read and cast aside. Children and grown-ups alike will find inspiration in this sincere and beautiful book.

(Tomorrow—Recorded Music)

# *US Concern Over Anglo-Argentine Trade Exchange*

***Washington, June 7.—Britain will exchange fuel, industrial equipment, tinplate, agricultural machinery and cars, for meat under the terms of the new trade pact with Argentina, it is understood here.***

State Department trade experts are said to be closely studying the "agreement in principle" recently reached in Buenos Aires.

The State Department is said to be considerably concerned about the agreement and is said to object to its "barter" terms.

The agreement is thought of by State Department trade experts as possibly violating the multilateral trade agreement reached at Geneva last year, to which Britain and America are signatories.

An American official said today that if the State Department considers that there has been any violation of the Geneva agreement the United States will call it to the attention of the British Government.—Reuter.

## Extension Of Trade Pacts With Japan

**Washington, June 7.—Trade and government sources reported here today that discussions are under way in Tokyo between SCAP and Sterling area representatives—especially Australia—with an eye to extending trade agreements about to expire.**

The present agreement ends on June 30, but the sources said that both sides appeared anxious to continue it under virtually the same terms.

Latest figures available show that Australia's exports to Japan under the present agreement are valued at £A6,141,000, consisting mainly of raw wool and cereals.

Australia's imports from Japan are valued at £A5,781,000, mainly consisting of cotton manufactures, raw silk, rayon silk goods, industrial machinery parts porcelain insulators and other items.—United Press.

## NEW YORK GRAINS

**New York, June 7.—Grains today rallied briskly at the close, with wheat moving up 2¾ cents from its lows.**

A firmer cash situation in the south-west was emphasised by complaints of recent rains which have damaged the crop in the early south-western harvesting areas.

Prices closed as follow:—

| | |
|---|---|
| WHEAT—per bushel in cents. Spot | 2.10¼ |
| July | 1.87¼-⅛ |
| September | 1.88¾-½ |
| December | 1.91¼-½ |
| March | 1.87⅛-1.88 |
| CORN Spot | 1.36½ |
| July | 1.30½ |
| September | 1.23⅝-1.24 |
| December | 1.13⅝ |
| RYE | |
| July | 1.34 |
| September | 1.35½ |
| OATS | |
| July | 58¾-¼ |
| September | 57⅞ |
| NEW YORK FLOUR (per 200 lb. sack in dollars) | 11.55 |
| WINNIPEG RYE | |
| July | 1.30 |
| October | 1.31⅝ asked |
| December | 1.32 asked |
| BARLEY | |
| July | 1.13⅛ |
| October | 1.00⅞ |
| December | 0.97⅛ bid |

—United Press.

## HONGKONG SHARES

The turnover on the Stock Exchange this morning was $102,250.00. Transactions and noon prices:

| SHARES | BUYERS | SELLERS | SALES |
|---|---|---|---|
| **BANKS** | | | |
| HK Bank | 1635 | | 5 @ 1640 |
| **INSURANCES** | | | |
| Canton | 335 | | |
| Union | 635 | | 50 @ 600 |
| HK Fire | 232 | | |
| **DOCKS, ETC.** | | | |
| K. Wharf | | 126 | |
| N.P. Wharf | 5 | | |
| Dock | 19.30 | 20½ | 500 @ 19¾ |
| Provident | 12 | 12¾ | |
| S'hai Dock | 10 | 11 | |
| **LAND, ETC.** | | | |
| HK Land | 49½ | | |
| S'hai Land | 3 | | 2000 @ 3.10 |
| Humphreys | 10½ | | |
| **UTILITIES** | | | |
| Tram | 16.40 | 17.10 | 500 @ 16½ |
| | | | 400 @ 16.60 |
| C. Light (O) | 12.80 | 13.70 | 200 @ 12.80 |
| | | | 800 @ 13 |
| C. Light Rts | 8.80 | 9.60 | |
| Electric | | | 400 @ 33 |
| Macao Electric, XD | 22¼ | | 200 @ 22½ |
| Telephone | | 22½ | |
| **INDUSTRIALS** | | | |
| Cement | | 24 | |
| **STORES, ETC.** | | | |
| Dairy | | 35½ | |
| **COTTONS** | | | |
| Ewo | | | 8 40 |

## Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

| | |
|---|---|
| Sterling/pounds note (per £) | 16.50 |
| U.S. dollar (per $1) | 6.27 |
| FIC piastres (per 100) | 12.15 |
| Siam ticals (per 100) | 27.00 |
| NEI guilders (per 100) | 36.50 |
| Singapore (Straits) | 18.30 |

## SLIGHT RALLY IN RUBBER

**New York, June 7.—Rubber futures today showed traces of a rally at the close of business, reflecting the rebound in securities and commodities, but the improvement was weak and the list closed 10 to 20 points lower.**

Most deliveries hit new seasonal lows, influenced by the decline at London and the lack of consumer interest here.

The Spot price went down to 15-⅞ cents, the lowest level since September, 1947, and almost four cents under January—the year's highest level.

Traders saw little hope of a rally without news from Washington in regard to stockpiling.

Net losses were eight to 20 points and sales totalled 78 contracts.

Prices closed as follow:—

| | |
|---|---|
| June (in cents per lb.) | 15.97 nominal |
| July | 15.97 bid |
| August | 15.90 bid |
| September | 15.80-2 traded |
| October | 15.78 nominal |
| November | 15.74 nominal |
| December | 15.70 bid |
| January (1950) | 15.64 nominal |
| February | 15.57 nominal |
| March | 15.50 traded |
| April | 15.45 nominal |
| May | 15.40 nominal |
| June | 15.35 nominal |
| July | 15.30 nominal |
| August | 15.25 nominal |
| SPOT | 15-⅞ nominal |

—United Press.

### LONDON MARKET

London, June 7.—Prices in the rubber market here today closed as follow:—

| | |
|---|---|
| July (in pence per lb.) | 10 |
| October/December | 9-13/16 |
| January/March (1950) | 9-¾ |

—United Press.

## OUTWARD MAILS

A surface mail to United Kingdom per RMS Corfu will be closed as follows: G.P.O.—Parcels, June 8, 5 p.m.; Registered, June 9, 9 a.m.; Ordinary, 9.30 a.m.

Kowloon C.P.O.—Parcels, June 8, 5 p.m.; Registered, June 9, 8.30 a.m.; Ordinary, 9 a.m.

This mail is expected to arrive at London on or about July 12.

On Thursday, June 9, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will open from 8 a.m. to Noon. The other Branch Post Offices will open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. There will be one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence and one collection only from pillar boxes at 10 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

It is hereby notified that commencing from Monday, June 6, and until further notice, the outward air mail to United Kingdom will be closed on Mondays and Thursdays; C.P.O. Kowloon 4.30 p.m., and G.P.O. Hongkong 5 p.m. (Registered mail half an hour earlier). (Holidays excepted).

Commencing from Monday, June 6, and until further notice, the outward air mail to Singapore will be closed as follows:

Mondays & Thursdays.—G.P.O. Hongkong (Reg) 4.30 p.m.; (Ord) 5 p.m. C.P.O. Kowloon (Reg) 4 p.m.; (Ord) 4.30 p.m.

Sundays. — G.P.O. Hongkong (Reg) 5 p.m. (Saturday); (Ord) 10 a.m. (Sunday). C.P.O. Kowloon (Reg) 4.30 p.m. (Saturday); (Ord) 10 a.m. (Sunday). (Holidays excepted).

It is hereby notified that mail to Shanghai and North China cannot be accepted until further notice.

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., registered and parcel posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8**
**Closing Times By Air**

Hoihow, Taipeh, Swatow, Amoy and Chungking, 3.30 p.m.
Saigon and Paris, 5 p.m.

**Closing Times By Sea**

Japan, 5 p.m.
Batavia, Sourabaya and Macassar, 3 p.m.
Haiphong, 3 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, Madagascar, East Africa, Bombay, Aden, Egypt and Europe via London, 5 p.m. (par).

**THURSDAY, JUNE 9**
**Closing Times By Air.**

Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, (Basra, Nairobi, Mombasa, Dar-es-Salaam, Mauritius, Johannesburg and Cairo via Karachi), Alexandria, Rome and London, (CPO) Noon; (GPO) Noon (reg & ord).
Singapore, Noon (reg & ord).
Japan, Noon (reg & ord).
Bangkok, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, Noon (reg & ord).

# Truman Seeks $150 Million To Aid Korea

## TO RESIST CONTROL BY THE COMMUNISTS

**Washington, June 7. — The Korean Republic, by demonstrating the success and tenacity of democracy in resisting Communism, would also "stand as a beacon to the people of Northern Asia in resisting the control of the Communist forces which had overrun them," President Truman declared today.**

**In a special message to Congress, President Truman asked for $150 million to continue economic aid to the Republic of Korea in the year beginning July 1.**

He said that such a programme "is not only the soundest course economically, but also the most effective from the standpoint of helping to achieve the objectives of peaceful and democratic conditions in the Far East."

The Republic of Korea is the American-occupied southern portion of the country.

The President said the people in Southern Korea and "freedom-seeking people in Northern Korea, held under Soviet domination," sought for themselves a "united governing and sovereign country, independent of foreign control and support, and with membership in the United Nations."

The $150 million, if granted by Congress, would go to the Economic Co-operation Administration, which has been handling relief and recovery work in Southern Korea since January. Up till then the Army occupation forces had handled the programme.

### TESTING GROUND

The President's message said that Korea had become the testing ground in which the validity and practical value of the ideas and principles of democracy—which the Republic was putting into practice—was being matched against the practices of Communism, which had been imposed upon the people of North Korea.

"The survival and progress of the Republic towards a self-supporting stable economy will have an immense and far-reaching influence on the people of Asia," he said.

"Such progress by the young Republic will encourage the people of Southern and South-East Asia and the Islands of the Pacific to resist and reject the Communist propaganda with which they are besieged.

The aid now provided for Korea was essentially for basic relief and without its continuation the Korean economy would "inevitably and rapidly collapse."

Claiming that bare relief alone would not permit the country to become self-supporting, the President called for sufficient aid to help the Republic's recovery and suggested that Congress should authorise for Korea the same kind of programme authorised for Western European recovery.

President Truman declared that "at this critical time," there could be no real hope of achieving a unified, free and democratic Korea without effective United States aid, enabling the Republic to move todwards self-support and a decent standard of living.—Reuter.

# Rocket Trials In Australia

## TO BE CONDUCTED IN NEAR FUTURE

Canberra, June 7.—The first trials with modern rockets will be held soon at the giant 1,200-mile rocket range in the Central Australian desert, Senator John Armstrong, Minister for Public Supply, has informed the Australian Defence Council, according to authoritative sources here today.

Senator Armstrong, who visited the range last week, added that the scope of the enterprise could not be appreciated by those who had not seen it.

Work on the range had been kept close to schedule despite manpower and material shortages and progress was satisfactory, he said.

It was begun two years ago and will eventually be extended over 1,500 miles of the Indian Ocean towards Christmas Island.

The Australian Defence Minister, Mr John Dedman, told the press today that expenditure on Australia's five-year defence programme would be accelerated in the next three years.

### EXPENSIVE PROGRAMME

"The Government is making financial provision in the defence programme for all that is physically possible for the service to accomplish under present economic conditions," he added.

The Prime Minister, Mr Joseph B. Chifley, disclosed earlier today that the Council, which had discussed increased defence funds, had examined progress reports on the rocket range, and studied machinery to co-ordinate industry in any national emergency.

No final defence figure was fixed, according to authoritative sources, but the increased funds would amount to about A£18,000,000, bringing total expenditure of the five-year programme to about A£208,000,000.

The Melbourne Sun's Canberra correspondent said that the Council was understood to have been told that Pakistan, Malaya and Ceylon were willing to join Australia and New Zealand in a regional defence pact for the Indian and Pacific Ocean areas.

The correspondent also said that the Council had discussed measures which could be taken by Australia if the British Government asked for assistance in the defence of Hongkong.—Reuter.

# Oil Tank Destroyed In Fiery Blaze

**An oil tank explodes in a mass of flame and smoke during a fire which struck the Searle Petroleum company at Omaha, Nebraska. As estimated half million gallons of oil was destroyed when 11 huge storage tanks were devastated. — AP Picture.**

# Franco To Reshuffle His Cabinet?

Madrid, June 7.—Political circles here expect General Francisco Franco to reconstitute his Cabinet this summer. The prospective reshuffle will, it is believed, reflect the policy which General Franco recently commended to the Cortes on strengthening ties with Spanish America and of "greater understanding with the whole American Continent, in which North America, by reason of her riches and power, has a ruling position."

Side by side, the Spanish press and radio are at the same time carrying on a campaign against Britain.

The anti-British attacks are based on General Franco's assertions:

1.—That Great Britain has not kept the promises, which he claimed Mr Churchill and others made after the war, that "Britain would help Spain to become the strongest power in the Mediterranean."

2.—That the British Foreign Office had approved a plan, later cancelled by Soviet Russia, to attack German-held Europe by means of an invasion of Spain.

In the expected Cabinet reshuffle, it is thought that some Falange Party members might be replaced by other politicians more acceptable to the United States and to the other countries which do not approve of the present Spanish regime.

It is suggested that Senor Domingo de las Barcenas, who was Ambassador in London when the United Nations recommended the withdrawal of Ambassadors in Madrid and who was himself withdrawn from London as a result, might succeed Senor Alberto Martin Artajo as Foreign Minister with the latter possibly taking over the Labour Ministry.—Reuter.

# Senussi To Visit Britain

London, June 7.—Emir Idris El Senussi of Cyrenaica is expected to visit Britain towards the end of this month for talks on the establishment of a Cyrenaican Government to control internal administration.

Last Wednesday Britain announced that she was going ahead with plans to give Cyrenaica internal self-government.

The British Military Government will remain in the province and will control foreign relations.

Britain has said that her move will not prejudice any United Nations decision on the future of Cyrenaica or on the eventual unity of Libya. — Reuter.

## LEGATION STAFF EXPELLED

Belgrade, June 7.—The Yugoslav Government today expelled four members of the Hungarian Legation in Belgrade for "engaging in espionage activities and abusing their diplomatic privileges," Tanjug, the official Yugoslav news agency, reported tonight.

The Hungarians were ordered to leave the country within 48 hours.—Reuter.

# New U.S. Secretary To The Army

Washington, June 7.—President Truman has decided to nominate Mr Gordon Gray as Secretary of the Army, it was stated officially today. Mr Gray, the Under-Secretary of the Army, has been acting Secretary since the resignation of Mr Kenneth C. Royall last month.—Reuter.

"Are you very busy, dear?"

# Troops Perform Strikers' Duties

London, June 7.—Troops today began to unload general cargo from the 7,145-ton Canadian freighter, Montreal City, the immediate cause of the three weeks' stoppage of work by between 2,000 and 3,000 Avonmouth dockers.

Several times during the dispute the strikers' leader, Mr Joe Doody, has declared: "Let the troops unload the Montreal City for us and we can start work at once." The Montreal City has 5,000 tons of grain on board as well as general cargo.

Dockers refused to handle the Montreal City on the ground that the crew were not members of the Canadian Seamen's Union.

Thirty-five Canadian seamen from five ships which are strike-bound picketed the United States Embassy and Naval Headquarters in Grosvenor Square, London, from noon today.

One poster they carried read: "American Government, Keep Your Hands off Canadian Trade Unionism."

### AFL THREAT

Bud Doucette, 26-year old former quartermaster of the Beaverbrae, one of the strike-bound vessels, said that the picket was a protest against what he called the American Federation of Labour's intervention in Canadian trade union politics.

He claimed the American Federation of Labour had threatened to boycott all British ships because of the British dockers' support in the Canadian Seamen's Union strike, and had threatened to order all its affiliates in Canada to cease paying "per capita" tax to the Canadian Trades and Labour Congress.

"We have been suspended by the Canadian Trades and Labour Congress because of AFL and American Government pressure on the Congress," he declared. Doucette added that the seamen would keep up their picket incessantly "until we have some reply from the American Embassy." "We are going to carry on to the bitter end," he added.

### 8,000 PAMPHLETS

The pickets, who were circling the block at 30-yard intervals, said that they had distributed 8,000 pamphlets in Grosvenor Square. The pamphlet appealed to all trade unionists "to raise their voices in protest, and send immediate wires to the Prime Minister of Canada condemning the actions of the Canadian Government."

Two thousand more Liverpool dockers today joined the 6,000 who have already been on strike there for the past 11 days, while about 70 seamen decided to support the dockers at strike-bound Avonmouth.

When the liner Empress of Canada left Liverpool tonight for Quebec and Montreal, she still had in her holds 4,000 tons of grain loaded in Canada on her last voyage.

More than 150 tons of bacon had been discharged during her four days in port, but the strike held up the balance of her cargo. It will be taken back to Liverpool on her return.—Reuter.

Sofia, June 7.—Jewish community centres in conference here today decided to withdraw from the World Jewish Congress because of its "reactionary activities" in having "declined to join the world peace congress" (a Communist-supported assembly held in Paris last April).—Reuter.

Oxford, June 7.—Two new medical scholarships at Oxford University, worth an average of £300 each, have been established for candidates from Canada, Australia or South Africa.—Reuter.

## POCKET CARTOON

*"Alas! poor Yorick— I'm out of tuppenny tubs."*

London Express Service.

# *Reds Take Tsungming Island*

**Shanghai, June 7. — Tsungming Island, a 35 miles long tongue of land lying in the mouth of the Yangtse river 30 miles from Shanghai off Woosung, has been completely occupied by the Communists, bringing the whole Kiangsu Province under the control of the People's Liberation Army.**

Reporters here said that all Nationalist troops on the island either surrendered or were wiped out. Communist advance guard units landed at Tsungming Island on May 30, five days after the occupation of Shanghai and three days later captured Tsungming walled city. On the same day they seized Whangsha Island south of Tsungming. Many Nationalists on the latter island were taken prisoner, according to the newspaper, Ta Kung Pao.

When the Nationalists evacuated from Woosung on May 24 and 25 while the Red forces were pushing to Shanghai from the western environs, it was reported that the commander-in-chief, General Tang En-po, sent certain remnant forces to Tsungming Island to fight delaying action while the main bodies and officials went to southern coastal points or Taiwan and Canton.

The Communist official paper, Emancipation Daily, said the big military training scheme for North Kiangsu is being carried out with enthusiastic support from all classes of people.—United Press.

## POLICE NOTICE

Police arrangements for Garden Party to be held at Government House on Thursday 9th June at 4.30 p.m.

Car Parks:—

Flag Cars & Label Cars:—Inside ground of Government House.

Owner Driver Cars:—
A. Upper Albert Rd. West of Government House.
B. Vacant ground at Garden Road opposite Helena May Institute.
C. Kennedy Road West of Peak Tram.

Chauffeur Driven Cars:—Murray Parade Ground. There will be communication between Government House & Murray Parade Ground.

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# Strabolgi Urges General Election This Autumn

## FORECASTS "ECONOMIC BLIZZARD"

Blackpool, June 7.—Lord Strabolgi, influential Labour peer, today urged the Labour Party to hold a general election this autumn because an "economic blizzard" was about to hit Britain. Lord Strabolgi spoke at the annual conference of the Labour Party, which was shaping policy aimed at keeping it in power after the next general election, scheduled for 1950.

**He said: "We are about to enter a most difficult economic situation in which it will be difficult to explain to the people exactly how it has arisen and how we must meet it. There is a great deal of economic misunderstanding and, before the whole weight of the blizzard strikes us, I suggest we should go to the country this autumn."**

Mr Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council and leader of the House of Commons, commented that Mr Winston Churchill and his Conservatives would like to know the date of the general election, but its fixing was a matter for the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee.

Two of the Party's big guns, Mr Attlee and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, addressed the conference. The meeting has been showing awareness that the Labourites face a tremendous challenge from the Conservatives, who are flushed with victory in two local election tests.

Mr Attlee ignored Mr Churchill's demand that he repudiate an alleged statement by the Health Minister, Mr Aneurin Bevan, that a Conservative victory would mean civil war and bloodshed. However, Sir Stafford digressed from defence of his budget and taxation policies to accuse Mr Churchill of clinging to the "out of date art of political propaganda by personal vituperation, which is stupid and insulting to an intelligent electorate".

### CRIPPS'S WARNING

Sir Stafford's speech on wages, prices and profits was in nature of an explanation of his policies. In the rank and file of the Party, the feeling was growing that his failure to give any budget relief had cost the Party the local elections.

The Chancellor warned the Party not to fall under the spell of the "pincers movement" of the Conservatives on the Right and the Communists on the Left, which sought to persuade the country that it faced "economic annihilation." He acknowledged that, after four years of struggling but steady progress, the nation still had not surmounted its difficulties.

"We are not at the moment making the headway we must with our exports to the United States," he said. "In fact, in the first four months of this year the rate of exports to the United States was 14 percent lower than in the last quarter of 1948 and for North America as a whole lower than the average overall of 1948."

Mr Attlee drew an ovation after a long tribute to the record of Labour in the last four years. He regretted that international affairs had "obliged us to spend more on defence than we could have wished but we have not shirked our duty both to our country and the democracies and we shall not shirk that duty."—United Press.

## SOVIET TRICKS WITH MAIL

Berlin, June 7.—The Western Kommandatura today ordered the Allied airlift to fly eight tons of mail daily into strike-bound West Berlin.

Brigadier General Frank L. Howley, U.S. Commandant, said that this action was taken by the three Western powers because of "Soviet tricks."

Large quantities of letters for West Berlin had disappeared and others had suffered "scandalistic treatment," he said.—Associated Press.

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